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Population Projections for Alabama and the Major Metropolitan areas: 1985 to 2010

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Population projection totals for Alabama and the major metropolitan areas in the State for the years 1985 to 2010 are reported in the table below. These projections are part of a more detailed series of population projections prepared by the Alabama State Data Center within the Center for Business and Economic Research at The University of Alabama for Alabama counties by age, race, and sex for the years 1985 to 1995, and projections by total, race, and sex without age detail for the years 1985 to 2010. The projections are expected to be published and available for sale in the near future.

The population projections are based on a cohort component methodology generally regarded as a standard in population research. The population of each age group or cohort is projected into the future based on estimates of the impact of each of the three components of population change: births, deaths, and net migration. The population projections are derived by applying the birth, death, and net migration rates to the enumerated 1980 population. The population is projected in detail by age, race and sex from 1980 to 1985, and the projections are then adjusted to approximate 1985 U.S. Bureau of the Census population estimates for Alabama counties. The 1985 population is then projected to the year 2010.

Major Trends

The period from 1970 to 1980 was one of relatively rapid population growth for the State of Alabama. The State's population grew by 13.1% compared with a growth rate for the United States of 11.3%. However, population growth has slowed over the last five years in Alabama with the State's population increasing by approximately 3.3% from 1980 to 1985 while the population of the United States is estimated to have increased by approximately 5.4%. The decrease in the rate of population growth is not as dramatic as it may seem since a ten year growth rate is being compared with a five year growth rate. Still, the rate of growth has declined, and the population projections presented here reflect the reduced rate of population growth observed in recent Census Bureau estimates for both the State and the nation.

The State's population is projected to grow at an average annual rate of approximately 0.8% from 1985 to 2010. This rate of growth implies an average annual addition of approximately 33,500 persons to the State's population, and that level of growth should not place any undue burden on the State's ability to provide key services to the population. However, the age structure of the State will be changing following a general pattern of the aging of the U.S. population, so there may be slightly increased demands for geriatric medical services and convalescent/retirement facilities. In 1980 approximately 11.3% of the population of both the State and the nation were aged 65 or more. The current population projections indicate an increase in the State's age 65 and over population to approximately 13.25% by 1995 with the 65 and over population remaining at approximately 13% of the population through the year 2010.

All areas within the State are not projected to grow at the same rate, and in fact some areas are projected to lose population. If current trends continue, the ten fastest growing counties for the period from 1990 to 1995 are expected to be: Shelby county (+18.9%); St. Clair county (+13.2%); Baldwin county (+11.5%); Elmore county (+10.8%); Houston county (+8.6%); Autauga county (+8.3%); Blount county (+6.8%); Cherokee county (+6.7%); Jackson county (+6.6%); and, Montgomery county (+6.6%). The five counties expected to experience the greatest percentage loss of population from 1990 to 1995 if current trends continue are: Perry county (-6.2%); Bullock county (-5.2%); Wilcox county (-5.0%); Dale county (-3.0%); and, Sumter county (-2.9%). However, none of the counties should experience major population losses and population trends can change dramatically in a short period of time. For example, Madison county experienced very slow population growth from 1970 to 1980 (+5.6%), and then experienced one of the State's highest growth rates from 1980 to 1985 (+11.4%).

The coming years should find the greatest absolute population increases in Mobile, Shelby, Montgomery, Madison, and Baldwin counties. Of course this is not too surprising since these are five of the larger counties in the State. Jefferson county, the State's most heavily populated, is expected to experience moderate population increases through the year 2000, and then to experience slight population decreases in 2005 and 2010. However, the data on Jefferson county can be misleading since it is the center of the Birmingham Metropolitan Area consisting of Jefferson, Walker, Blount, St. Clair, and Shelby counties, and the entire metropolitan area is expected to experience population gains all through the projection period.

Much of the population growth in the State is expected to occur in counties which are part of metropolitan areas. Eight of the ten fastest growing counties constitute part of one of the metropolitan areas in the State with Shelby, St. Clair, and Blount counties being part of the Birmingham Metropolitan Area; Elmore, Autauga, and Montgomery counties part of the Montgomery Metropolitan Area; Baldwin county part of the Mobile Metropolitan Area; and, Houston county part of the Dothan Metropolitan area. Cherokee and Jackson counties which are also included in the ten fastest growing counties in the State are on the fringes of existing metropolitan areas.

Counties expected to experience the slowest growth or

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	28,068	23,421	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,180	142,269	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	34,716
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,472	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,250	23,537	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511	550	509	558	556	
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,842,700	260,700	228,700	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200
Residential	1,232,400	1,198,500	135,400	105,800	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200
Nonresidential	920,000	1,064,900	72,600	94,400	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,700	39,400	41,900	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85	102	93	123	131	117
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,887	6,529	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,841	2,772,554	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639
Franchise	64,476	69,838	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417
Income	1,009,832	1,084,830	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293
Motor fuels	50,278	51,923	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528
Oil/gas privilege	70,183	64,951	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,601	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882
Sales	704,299	730,389	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563
2.2% Gross receipts	54,765	54,973	448	12	13,639	23		13,922	84		13,957	1	1	13,363	600
TVA electric	36,734	42,847	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719
Tobacco	70,022	72,775	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528
Use	75,723	79,258	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675
Utility	151,261	156,209	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	-.3	-.5	-.2	.3
Food	302.9	309.8	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0
Housing	336.5	349.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4
Transportation	311.7	319.9	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7
Medical care	379.5	403.1	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7
Energy	423.6	426.5	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6
Producer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	297.9	299.2
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.4	323.7	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.1	323.8	316.9	314.0	311.3	311.7
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	321	310	311	310	310	309	308	307	306	305	305	305	307	307	306
Wholesale prices	322	324	323	323	324	325	327	325	323	322	324	329	333	336	334
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[6]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,802.7	1,814.4	1,821.4	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0	1,893.5
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	148.2	155.7	163.8	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5	175.5
Unemployment rate	11.1	8.9	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.3
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,654.5	1,658.7	1,657.6	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5	1,718.0
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,427.7	1,427.9	1,431.9	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	358.8	362.2	356.7	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	176.3	177.0	174.7	174.9	174.3	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7	174.5	175.9	175.6
Lumber and wood products	29.5	29.2	29.9	30.3	29.8	29.8	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1	28.6	29.0	28.6
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.1
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.8	26.7	26.3	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.9	23.0	22.5	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2
Electrical, electronic equip	23.3	22.7	22.6	23.1	22.6	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0
Transportation	25.4	26.5	26.4	26.5	26.8	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.9	18.9	17.7	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	16.9	19.0	18.9
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	182.5	184.6	182.0	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7
Food	28.0	28.9	28.9	29.3	29.6	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.5	36.5	35.6	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8
Apparel	55.6	52.7	53.2	54.6	53.0	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9	50.6
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.6	21.9	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.6
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,068.9	1,065.7	1,075.2	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.3
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	71.8	71.7	74.2	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.9	74.0	73.6	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4
Trade	291.3	303.2	303.8	306.1	305.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	76.0	76.8	76.3	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8
Retail	217.6	227.1	227.8	229.3	228.9	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	64.9	65.8	66.3	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	242.2	241.6	242.8	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3
Government	293.4	297.3	298.7	291.8	298.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2
Federal	64.9	65.2	66.0	66.7	66.4	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8	64.0
State and local	228.4	232.1	232.7	225.1	231.9	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409	18,856		
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,648	6,392		
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573	32,598		
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,909	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497	15,660		
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,670	15,250	15,330	15,240	15,330	15,340	15,340	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170	15,290	15,260	15,590
	9.6	8.7	8.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	5.9	6.9
Baldwin	35,530	37,580	37,500	37,830	38,020	37,330	37,280	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070	38,400	38,650	39,170
	10.9	7.7	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.2
Barbour	12,220	11,520	11,340	11,570	11,700	11,630	11,780	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340	11,620	11,640	11,880
	10.5	10.5	10.7	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.6	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.1	9.3	9.1	10.2
Bibb	6,240	6,880	7,020	6,980	6,850	6,910	6,640	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990	6,960	7,060	7,250
	16.6	12.4	9.4	8.9	12.0	14.7	13.5	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8	11.8	13.8	12.8
Blount	16,760	17,220	17,340	17,310	17,300	17,090	17,160	17,250	17,280	17,180	17,220	17,680	18,660	18,080	18,380
	11.0	6.9	7.4	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6	10.8	6.9	7.9
Bullock	4,520	3,670	3,680	3,730	3,740	3,750	3,770	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590	3,600	3,630	3,960
	14.5	16.4	17.5	15.5	18.4	17.4	14.6	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2	15.9	14.6	20.0
Butler	9,800	9,070	9,050	9,080	9,190	9,110	9,080	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830	9,000	9,320	9,460
	13.8	12.3	11.3	13.6	12.6	10.5	10.0	15.5	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6	10.4	11.4	11.1
Calhoun	47,500	49,990	49,830	50,220	50,470	50,320	49,980	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520	50,780	51,410	51,760
	11.3	8.9	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.4
Chambers	16,500	16,930	16,800	17,150	17,200	17,010	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,160	17,240	17,360	17,540
	9.3	8.8	8.3	9.6	10.3	8.9	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.1	8.0
Cherokee	11,670	7,960	7,820	7,920	7,980	7,940	7,900	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,610	7,670	7,700	7,880	8,190
	14.0	14.8	14.2	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2	22.0	13.9	12.6
Chilton	16,180	15,130	15,040	14,930	14,980	15,210	15,210	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350	15,420	15,690	15,990
	11.3	10.3	9.6	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.5	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0	9.4	9.1	9.1
Choctaw	5,790	6,540	6,440	6,650	6,740	6,460	6,470	6,550	6,660	6,580	6,620	6,610	6,910	7,000	7,090
	16.3	14.6	15.3	16.6	16.7	14.6	13.5	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4	19.7	16.0	16.3
Clarke	10,630	11,040	10,840	11,290	11,270	11,040	10,960	11,210	10,870	11,010	11,100	11,150	11,220	11,320	11,380
	14.3	9.9	8.1	9.4	10.2	7.8	7.8	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	15.7	11.0	10.4
Clay	7,580	6,400	6,490	6,310	6,330	6,350	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270	6,570	6,790	6,690
	10.9	11.1	11.9	14.1	13.6	10.5	10.3	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7	20.1	23.4	24.2
Cleburne	5,250	5,760	5,700	5,710	5,810	5,630	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,680	5,660	5,650	5,600	5,910	6,010
	10.2	9.1	8.5	7.9	12.1	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4	10.2	7.8	6.7
Coffee	20,210	17,030	17,290	17,170	17,110	17,150	17,180	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220	17,450	17,510	17,910
	8.4	7.2	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.7
Colbert	23,920	24,540	24,850	24,730	24,390	24,660	24,630	24,490	24,210	23,960	24,110	24,470	24,540	25,050	25,220
	16.4	13.1	13.1	12.6	12.5	12.2	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1	11.9	12.8	12.2
Conecuh	7,210	6,300	6,430	6,220	6,260	6,300	6,200	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480	6,800	6,690	6,820
	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.5	10.2	11.1	9.6	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9	17.3	14.5	14.1
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,480	4,480	4,540	4,630	4,740	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850	4,920	4,770	4,840
	8.0	7.5	6.6	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3	6.8	8.3	8.8
Covington	16,370	17,130	17,560	17,180	17,130	16,990	16,990	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940	17,020	17,310	17,700
	9.9	9.7	10.7	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1	10.6	10.5	10.3
Crenshaw	7,460	6,110	6,230	6,000	6,050	6,070	6,110	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880	6,050	6,000	6,240
	11.0	9.1	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.4	13.7	8.0	7.7
Cullman	29,550	30,430	30,900	30,890	30,300	30,780	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400	30,670	30,800	31,540
	11.5	9.6	8.4	8.7	9.1	9.4	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.3
Dale	22,740	19,530	19,610	19,560	19,660	19,570	19,490	19,750	19,590	19,330	19,500	19,910	20,150	20,450	20,750
	7.7	7.4	7.0	6.6	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.9	8.3	8.1
Dallas	23,130	22,310	22,140	22,200	22,990	22,390	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530	22,790	22,880	23,410
	15.7	15.0	13.5	14.3	17.9	14.4	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7	15.0	14.7	15.3
DeKalb	30,830	27,460	27,420	27,710	27,800	28,200	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350	27,880	27,970	28,810
	10.8	10.4	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	9.0	9.1
Elmore	20,770	20,780	20,990	21,090	20,940	20,830	20,640	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870	21,090	21,180	21,560
	7.7	7.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.9
Escambia	18,110	16,740	16,700	16,940	16,930	16,780	17,000	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920	17,120	17,290	17,610
	12.1	9.9	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	14.0	11.2	11.2
Etowah	42,610	42,220	41,890	42,460	42,980	42,930	42,670	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060	43,680	43,660	44,480
	13.4	10.3	9.0	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8	16.3	12.9	14.3
Fayette	10,440	8,230	8,310	8,060	7,970	7,980	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140	8,160	8,200	8,210
	9.5	14.4	14.8	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9	13.5	14.2	12.9
Franklin	14,830	15,050	15,010	15,380	15,410	15,210	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950	14,970	15,110	15,000
	18.6	13.6	11.8	12.0	13.1	12.6	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9	14.2	12.7	11.5
Geneva	11,740	10,710	10,790	10,960	10,490	10,680	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740	11,040	11,020	11,380
	8.2	9.5	7.3	6.8	7.9	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6	8.4
Greene	4,760	3,840	3,790	3,800	3,850	3,800	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,760	3,950	3,810	3,890
	17.1	17.7	16.8	18.1	17.9	16.4	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0	17.2	13.8	13.4
Hale	5,480	5,890	5,920	5,850	5,960	5,910	5,910	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800	5,900	5,980	6,280
	17.1	11.3	11.0	11.6	12.5	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.6
Henry	7,290	6,750	6,750	6,700	6,810	6,760	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790	6,840	6,780	6,890
	9.4	10.6	9.3	8.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.4	8.6
Houston	36,540	33,720	33,590	33,840	33,830	34,030	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480	34,750	35,470	35,730
	9.0	8.4	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	8.8	9.7	8.9
Jackson	19,790	20,490	20,830	20,600	20,640	20,490	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700	20,800	20,580	20,950
	16.8	12.3	11.0	10.4	11.3	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	12.7	12.4
Jefferson	303,510	312,350	311,610	315,020	316,370	314,640	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270	322,760	327,950	330,520
	9.8	6.9	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.1
Lamar	9,340	8,800	8,780	8,920	9,040	8,850	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760	8,830	8,900	9,010
	7.3	8.0	6.7	7.4	9.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.9
Lauderdale	35,600	36,160	36,120	36,340	36,690	36,470	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,670	36,560	36,680	36,840	37,510
	14.8	10.8	9.6	10.2	12.1	10.3	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.0	10.9	10.4	10.7
Lawrence	13,450	12,630	12,790	12,790	12,730	12,810	12,870	13,130	12,740	12,420	12,450	12,590	12,720	12,730	13,050
	15.1	12.7	11.2	11.3	11.7	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2	15.0	14.2	14.0	12.4
Lee	38,470	37,750	37,980	38,590	37,510	37,360	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,300	38,180	38,240	38,460	38,660
	6.5	7.0	5.9	9.1	8.5	7.5	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3	8.6	7.0	6.9	6.9
Limestone	20,230	27,040	26,830	26,910	27,060	27,450	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,300	28,700	29,070	29,410	29,860
	10.8	7.1	6.7	6.9	7.7	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3	9.2	9.2	8.4	8.4
Lowndes	5,090	4,630	4,600	4,650	4,910	4,890	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,360	4,420	4,530	4,540	4,660
	18.3	14.0	14.8	16.1	14.4	13.5	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5	12.1	12.3	13.7	14.2
Macon	8,150	10,460	10,530	10,440	10,700	10,620	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,340	10,420	10,490	10,590	10,800
	11.1	8.5	7.9	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.1	9.1
Madison	117,780	117,770	117,270	118,030	118,420	119,010	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,030	120,730	122,630	123,790	125,440
	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	6.4
Marengo	9,720	9,940	10,220	9,850	10,200	9,870	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,600	9,750	10,140	9,960	10,110
	14.2	10.7	9.5	9.3	12.0	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.2	10.0	9.7	15.5	10.2	9.7
Marion	13,580	15,280	15,150	15,280	15,820	15,310	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,560	15,550	15,640	15,810	16,040
	14.9	13.8	12.0	11.7	13.7	11.2	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.9	11.8
Marshall	33,050	35,620	35,330	35,590	35,900	35,810	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	35,960	36,110	37,050	36,980	37,500
	12.6	8.6	7.6	7.7	10.3	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7	10.1	16.3	10.2	10.4
Mobile	164,730	166,730	167,450	169,780	170,630	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200	171,160	172,670	175,480
	12.6	9.4	8.7	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	11,140	9,080	8,920	9,060	9,050	9,010	9,080	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,920	8,970	10,200	9,300	9,330
	16.2	13.6	11.4	12.2	11.7	10.3	10.0	10.2	11.5	12.7	12.8	12.0	27.8	13.7	11.7
Montgomery	96,610	91,900	91,890	93,320	92,900	92,770	91,700	92,910	92,390	91,850	91,340	93,020	93,800	94,610	96,370
	8.8	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.7	7.0	7.8
Morgan	38,870	43,370	43,490	43,870	43,990	43,700	43,250	43,890	43,580	43,290	43,710	44,010	44,620	45,070	45,620
	11.5	8.1	7.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.3	9.6	9.5	9.1	8.7
Perry	5,820	5,330	5,300	5,340	5,490	5,500	5,430	5,490	5,410	5,260	5,170	5,110	5,250	5,230	5,500
	13.3	13.2	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.1	11.2	10.7	14.4	18.7	14.5	9.1	11.0	9.6	11.7
Pickens	7,080	6,970	7,030	6,920	7,090	7,050	7,100	7,250	7,080	6,770	6,730	6,900	6,950	7,070	7,420
	15.9	15.2	15.5	16.2	16.8	15.1	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.5	14.4	14.1	14.3	14.3
Pike	13,560	11,770	11,900	11,680	11,640	11,670	11,890	12,350	12,110	11,300	11,780	11,970	12,090	12,160	12,460
	10.1	8.0	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.0	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.7	8.0
Randolph	8,790	8,870	8,690	8,680	9,060	8,820	8,770	9,100	9,140	9,050	9,010	9,130	9,190	9,300	9,320
	14.9	9.5	8.7	8.0	12.3	8.8	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.5	6.9	7.3	7.5	11.4
Russell	19,290	20,630	20,450	20,960	21,840	21,020	20,360	20,550	20,620	20,940	20,890	20,860	21,030	21,020	21,000
	12.9	10.5	9.4	10.4	14.6	11.6	9.0	9.2	9.6	10.8	11.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	9.3
St. Clair	19,400	20,690	20,480	20,680	20,610	20,440	20,570	20,750	20,630	20,500	20,640	21,040	21,300	21,380	21,710
	11.5	8.1	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.5	7.9	7.3	6.7	7.5
Shelby	31,910	34,260	34,310	34,610	34,750	34,460	34,250	34,340	34,330	34,190	34,440	34,870	35,010	35,550	35,940
	10.3	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.9	5.5	5.9	6.4
Sumter	7,250	6,140	6,210	6,220	6,210	6,150	6,190	6,240	6,150	5,830	5,950	6,020	6,140	6,240	6,400
	11.5	13.7	11.7	14.7	13.7	13.3	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	18.3	19.3	21.4	21.1	21.1
Talladega	31,150	31,540	31,560	31,590	31,710	32,220	31,320	31,380	31,000	30,890	30,970	31,380	31,750	32,180	32,610
	15.8	13.1	12.1	12.7	12.8	13.5	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3
Tallapoosa	17,300	18,250	18,110	18,520	18,690	18,440	18,390	18,350	18,420	18,220	18,280	18,640	18,490	18,800	19,250
	9.4	8.2	6.9	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.9	7.1	6.5	7.5
Tuscaloosa	58,150	64,350	64,570	63,320	63,520	64,440	64,970	65,760	65,860	65,500	65,720	66,900	67,470	68,410	68,810
	9.6	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.8
Walker	32,550	33,090	32,640	32,830	32,820	32,340	32,790	33,110	32,880	32,870	34,980	35,650	35,880	36,370	36,440
	13.3	9.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.3	8.2	8.5	8.0	8.3	14.4	14.8	13.8	13.9	13.6
Washington	6,490	5,860	5,710	5,880	6,030	5,870	5,810	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990	5,910	6,100	6,050	6,160
	18.1	14.9	13.2	14.9	17.4	15.0	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2	15.6	18.8	16.8	17.1
Wilcox	5,480	4,390	4,700	4,300	4,450	4,240	4,310	4,410	4,340	4,240	4,210	4,270	4,350	4,400	4,510
	15.3	16.5	13.6	15.6	19.5	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.8	15.7	16.3	16.8	16.7
Winston	9,260	10,490	10,450	10,660	10,700	10,140	10,320	10,390	10,510	10,240	10,630	10,710	10,740	10,700	10,560
	19.6	17.1	12.4	14.3	15.2	13.9	20.4	18.4	19.5	20.7	24.1	24.1	22.9	21.3	18.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,987	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823	43,648	53,389	58,252	70,563	62,021		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	652	1,056	816	984	1,427	1,232		
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,949	602,564	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	35,786	77,169	96,664	77,115	82,535	77,691		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454	1,833	2,074	2,588	2,214	1,620		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	38,790	38,241	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, nonindustrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,285	25,020	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	150,060	162,477	159,132	142,757	163,267	176,844	
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,653	3,731	314	324	316	321	302	304	307	316	304	291	226		
General stores with food and gas	175	188	18	17	17	17	16	15	15	15	15	13	14		
General merchandise	2,382	2,579	213	205	194	213	194	202	246	386	193	168	218		
Apparel	568	595	48	46	44	52	48	47	53	82	40	39	48		
Furniture, furnishings, etc	544	587	50	48	48	51	48	47	54	65	48	44	41		
Automotive	3,088	3,412	324	312	304	319	316	269	240	257	268	267	255		
Gasoline service stations	296	313	28	28	27	29	26	26	25	26	26	22	21		
Lumber and building materials	890	989	91	91	90	91	91	93	87	78	76	72	76		
Hardware and farm implements	427	433	45	37	37	34	39	37	31	36	28	29	32		
Eating places	1,293	1,428	127	127	127	134	120	121	121	122	115	112	119		
Drug stores	264	272	25	21	20	21	20	21	22	32	26	23	23		
All other retail	2,162	2,289	196	186	182	192	185	193	193	261	180	167	163		
Total sales by retail concerns	15,741	16,817	1,477	1,441	1,406	1,476	1,405	1,375	1,394	1,677	1,320	1,247	1,235		
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,614	2,678	233	226	234	239	235	235	229	256	210	193	195		
Total all sales at retail	18,355	19,494	1,710	1,667	1,640	1,714	1,641	1,611	1,623	1,933	1,529	1,441	1,430		
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,895	542,535	47,606	45,756	45,561	49,284	47,349	44,682	45,844	54,412	42,055	39,793	42,525		
Birmingham	5,033,827	5,355,157	474,189	449,745	442,434	469,842	451,742	440,932	446,344	524,799	425,513	406,322	390,093		
Dothan	643,669	667,338	59,189	56,096	56,752	57,493	55,862	56,399	53,017	65,764	51,633	49,847	47,939		
Florence	612,947	645,316	55,636	54,531	54,301	57,248	53,663	52,162	55,140	67,127	50,106	46,457	46,824		
Gadsden	459,941	475,376	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,701	39,470	38,527	39,442	45,686	35,571	33,991	32,443		
Huntsville	1,049,552	1,153,765	102,336	96,639	98,544	104,245	96,054	95,615	97,692	116,127	92,254	86,053	83,782		
Mobile	2,100,894	2,188,242	191,056	195,353	191,553	190,821	181,096	182,192	174,342	211,060	172,442	157,794	150,243		
Montgomery	1,429,917	1,506,974	131,270	131,870	128,639	129,380	126,632	121,852	122,365	153,061	115,741	112,982	119,922		
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,971	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,450	56,566	55,829	56,258	67,884	55,169	50,628	46,860		
Counties															
Autauga	96,703	105,941	9,468	8,999	9,284	9,786	8,397	8,828	8,136	9,751	8,780	8,106	7,422		
Baldwin	343,706	355,055	33,180	32,990	34,635	32,213	28,240	26,527	25,498	30,084	25,440	24,756	25,628		
Barbour	71,583	75,342	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,254	6,270	6,119	7,543	5,790	5,734	5,298		
Bibb	41,388	44,121	3,809	3,751	3,536	3,924	3,908	3,674	3,907	4,431	3,477	3,447	3,833		
Blount	89,053	100,656	9,006	8,906	8,266	8,996	9,029	8,527	8,727	9,210	7,980	7,084	7,224		
Bullock	26,077	25,661	2,091	2,105	2,023	2,009	2,037	2,052	2,094	2,796	2,345	2,086	2,008		
Butler	65,570	63,059	5,645	5,185	5,160	5,222	5,179	5,143	5,105	5,958	5,101	4,681	4,760		
Calhoun	507,895	542,535	47,606	45,756	45,561	49,284	47,349	44,682	45,844	54,412	42,055	39,793	42,525		
Chambers	107,006	106,811	9,716	9,214	9,488	9,292	9,034	9,009	8,967	10,250	8,627	8,387	8,343		
Cherokee	47,907	50,302	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,247	4,462	4,382	3,940	4,130	4,275	3,707	3,365		
Chilton	99,875	109,554	9,836	9,140	8,905	9,566	9,104	8,978	9,308	10,443	8,382	8,393	8,679		
Choctaw	36,637	38,862	3,206	3,250	3,170	3,562	3,155	3,317	3,291	3,687	3,218	2,683	2,649		
Clarke	98,651	107,151	9,468	9,453	9,188	9,266	9,001	8,272	8,763	10,586	8,625	7,636	8,234		
Clay	26,368	26,974	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,218	2,216	2,118	2,439	2,350	2,131	2,108		
Cleburne	22,200	23,626	2,142	2,563	2,189	1,936	2,203	1,958	1,657	1,726	1,662	1,624	1,710		
Coffee	186,107	190,605	16,421	15,643	16,572	16,691	16,654	15,291	15,390	17,902	14,146	13,495	14,001		

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	249,984	249,605	21,924	21,530	21,705	22,169	20,923	19,943	20,207	23,369	19,039	17,717	18,857		
Conecuh	37,533	36,981	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,243	2,970	2,843	3,259	3,522	2,701	2,538	2,306		
Coosa	8,932	10,207	877	929	875	868	778	993	815	913	749	673	733		
Covington	137,578	137,589	12,391	12,182	11,967	12,562	11,568	10,717	10,867	12,601	10,732	10,113	10,777		
Crenshaw	30,988	35,367	2,919	3,270	3,177	2,923	3,137	2,956	2,652	3,237	2,858	2,440	2,936		
Cullman	237,638	251,300	22,693	22,322	21,490	23,115	20,990	20,771	20,900	22,805	18,651	17,674	18,075		
Dale	104,914	114,554	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,796	9,439	9,294	9,697	11,392	8,553	8,512	7,841		
Dallas	199,200	207,828	18,146	17,818	17,613	18,696	17,218	16,648	17,269	19,905	15,718	14,337	15,666		
DeKalb	180,388	189,769	16,807	17,224	15,754	17,162	16,061	19,085	15,105	17,482	14,333	13,737	12,731		
Elmore	102,081	107,758	9,510	9,596	9,339	9,650	9,155	8,430	8,277	9,402	8,427	8,420	8,436		
Escambia	141,761	143,164	13,122	12,932	12,203	11,598	11,176	11,276	11,204	13,968	10,688	10,022	9,969		
Etowah	459,941	475,376	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,701	39,470	38,527	39,442	45,686	35,571	33,991	32,443		
Fayette	64,918	63,274	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,680	5,662	5,416	4,768	5,279	5,250	5,196	4,395		
Franklin	99,529	103,970	8,618	8,730	7,927	8,750	8,082	7,767	8,333	9,072	7,688	6,952	7,695		
Geneva	144,828	145,540	12,649	12,520	12,413	12,336	11,979	11,981	11,696	12,885	11,486	10,719	11,006		
Greene	18,310	16,893	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,555	1,508	1,395	1,345	1,433	1,360	1,391	1,373		
Hale	31,290	31,993	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,794	2,758	2,615	2,464	2,702	2,482	2,462	2,449		
Henry	35,727	38,394	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,345	3,107	3,107	3,515	3,052	2,696	2,359		
Houston	538,755	552,784	49,198	46,126	47,143	47,697	46,423	47,105	43,320	54,372	43,080	41,335	40,098		
Jackson	136,606	146,010	13,454	12,094	12,118	12,951	12,526	11,443	11,900	13,464	10,757	9,867	10,289		
Jefferson	4,278,971	4,516,064	398,053	376,029	370,860	394,768	381,842	372,753	375,491	447,362	358,625	341,658	329,918		
Lamar	37,982	37,796	3,298	3,673	3,220	3,335	2,846	3,047	3,100	3,529	3,157	2,928	2,495		
Lauderdale	362,963	395,711	33,714	33,001	32,596	35,079	32,740	32,219	34,933	43,758	31,067	28,740	27,967		
Lawrence	51,755	56,634	5,109	4,605	4,609	5,128	4,499	4,571	5,110	6,163	4,286	4,043	4,367		
Lee	346,954	372,493	32,318	31,557	29,500	33,053	32,985	30,705	33,292	38,485	29,698	26,545	28,310		
Limestone	161,477	175,940	15,769	14,610	14,732	16,264	15,128	14,390	13,801	16,860	14,029	13,034	12,801		
Lowndes	16,854	21,618	1,841	1,963	1,825	1,893	2,005	1,749	1,716	2,241	1,577	1,645	1,671		
Macon	45,136	44,351	3,706	3,655	3,721	4,079	4,106	3,983	3,471	3,818	3,986	3,558	3,338		
Madison	1,049,552	1,153,765	102,336	96,639	98,544	104,245	98,054	95,615	97,692	116,127	92,254	86,053	83,782		
Marengo	69,350	77,257	6,914	5,857	6,015	6,620	6,486	6,317	6,460	7,964	6,286	5,827	6,096		
Marion	95,317	104,134	9,285	9,011	8,641	9,071	8,780	8,443	9,043	10,490	8,717	7,956	7,805		
Marshall	339,443	380,792	34,684	33,143	33,589	34,722	32,107	30,426	32,446	35,694	28,582	27,777	28,336		
Mobile	1,757,188	1,833,187	157,876	162,363	156,918	158,608	152,856	155,665	148,844	180,996	147,002	133,038	124,615		
Monroe	102,802	105,947	8,402	8,463	8,290	10,423	9,230	9,332	11,139	12,110	6,001	5,757	5,186		
Montgomery	1,231,133	1,295,275	112,292	113,275	110,216	109,942	109,080	104,594	105,953	133,908	98,534	96,456	104,064		
Morgan	452,408	515,381	45,908	43,560	43,472	46,643	45,075	43,806	45,471	50,082	39,898	37,631	40,047		
Perry	25,165	24,062	2,108	2,079	2,039	2,007	2,100	1,893	1,908	2,164	1,814	1,794	1,810		
Pickens	41,346	41,970	3,872	3,895	3,602	3,902	3,475	3,298	3,338	3,657	3,289	3,163	3,107		
Pike	90,768	99,081	6,760	8,625	8,141	8,974	8,770	8,536	7,944	9,830	8,497	7,567	7,933		
Randolph	57,911	58,073	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,629	4,716	4,680	4,646	5,613	5,215	4,325	4,378		
Russell	121,519	122,804	11,244	10,425	10,411	9,802	9,560	10,371	9,807	11,770	8,977	8,525	9,086		
St. Clair	121,089	137,152	12,875	12,992	11,564	12,701	11,281	11,081	10,755	11,987	10,673	10,796	10,976		
Shelby	253,358	275,753	24,247	23,682	24,089	24,130	22,294	22,528	23,685	25,544	22,889	21,703	20,204		
Sumter	30,989	30,558	2,605	2,541	2,372	2,401	2,342	2,461	2,731	3,028	2,402	2,077	2,248		
Talladega	240,169	257,626	24,626	22,283	22,970	22,251	21,592	20,845	20,612	25,069	20,150	18,670	17,634		
Tallapoosa	127,481	133,195	12,395	12,114	10,986	12,042	10,890	10,691	11,391	12,620	10,367	10,617	10,084		
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,971	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,450	56,566	55,829	56,258	67,884	55,169	50,828	46,860		
Walker	291,356	325,532	30,008	28,136	27,655	29,247	27,296	26,043	27,686	30,696	25,346	25,081	21,771		
Washington	21,666	20,671	1,999	1,661	1,943	1,697	1,979	1,645	1,620	1,557	1,644	1,525	1,204		
Wilcox	27,999	25,884	2,263	2,116	2,137	2,273	2,011	1,974	2,183	2,316	2,065	1,826	1,692		
Winston	71,301	79,471	6,942	6,830	6,646	7,215	6,723	6,682	6,964	7,433	6,202	5,595	5,974		
Statewide[11]	974,246	1,075,676	84,466	91,123	85,592	93,319	89,724	92,942	98,352	129,987	85,263	79,316	86,068		

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index". The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Projections continued.

population declines are concentrated in a band in the Southwest portion of the State extending from Sumter and Choctaw counties on the Mississippi border eastward to Lowndes, Bullock and Dale counties. Again, examining data for individual counties in isolation can be misleading. For example, Dale county is also part of the Dothan Metropolitan Area which is expected to continue to grow throughout the projection period, and Bullock, Lowndes, and Dallas counties all border the growing Montgomery Metropolitan Area. In addition, population trends can change in a relatively short period of time given changes in economic conditions and migration patterns.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
ALABAMA	4,021,517	4,194,783	4,360,640	4,524,851	4,685,270	4,855,322
METROPOLITAN AREAS						
ANNISTON	124,734	131,209	137,620	143,945	149,899	155,732
BIRMINGHAM	903,807	938,119	972,722	1,008,175	1,043,959	1,082,094
DOTHAN	125,124	131,337	137,339	144,152	151,101	158,623
FLORENCE	136,196	140,433	144,098	147,236	149,998	152,183
GADSDEN	103,499	105,333	106,697	107,622	108,148	108,727
HUNTSVILLE	219,395	231,927	244,267	256,223	267,905	278,994
MOBILE	469,061	500,534	531,883	563,557	594,653	626,789
MONTGOMERY	288,703	310,507	333,760	358,337	383,838	410,625
TUSCALOOSA	139,613	146,046	152,792	159,879	166,864	174,191

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The Economy in Perspective:

Focus on Crenshaw County

Crenshaw County is in South Alabama immediately South of Montgomery County. It was formed in 1865 from territory taken from Butler, Pike, Lowndes, Coffee, and Covington counties. It was named for the Hon. Anderson Crenshaw of Butler County. Rutledge was the original county seat, but Luverne is the present seat. Luverne has 2,580 people. The next largest town, Brantley, has 1,120. Rutledge has 480.

Crenshaw County has always depended heavily on agriculture. In the 1890s the staple crops were cotton and corn, but livestock and wool growing also received considerable attention. Orchards and vineyards did well in the soil and climate, but a viable market was hard to establish. Today broilers, eggs, and peanuts are the major agricultural products.

Alabama has moved away from an agrarian economy, but Crenshaw County has not moved as far as most other Alabama counties. Twenty-two percent of Crenshaw's total personal income is derived from farming, as opposed to a state average of 1.6 percent. This reliance on farming has not worked to the county's advantage. Farming pays low wages and is not attractive to many young people. Recently agriculture has seen serious problems nationwide, and Alabama has not been exempt. The forecast is for the agricultural situation to improve over the next ten years, but it will never again be a strong backbone for a county's economy.

Although farming is important to the county, manufacturing is more important. The biggest manufacturing industry is apparel with at least four big plants constructing men's or women's clothing. This is not an industry that traditionally pays high wages or requires advanced skills. Fully one-third of the employed people in Crenshaw County are working as operators, assemblers, movers, handlers, cleaners, helpers, or laborers.

Sadly, Crenshaw County's population has been declining for at least the past 50 years. The 1930 Census measured 23,656 people living there; the 1980 Census measured 14,110. A 1986 estimate of the population shows a loss of another 1,000, down to 13,000. It will be at least 1995 before the county shows regular gains instead of losses. Crenshaw County's population is mostly white, but its racial composition almost exactly reflects state averages: three-quarters of the people are white, one-quarter are black, and less than one percent belong to any other race.

In the last decade of the nineteenth century Crenshaw County was praised for its good schools. A particular point was made that the school at Highland Home was a school of considerable distinction for both sexes. The high regard in which education was held in the county seems to have fallen. Many, many Crenshaw County adults have very little formal schooling. Forty-one percent of the adults over 25 have only an elementary school education, or less. An additional 21 percent attended but did not graduate from high school. Thus, 62 percent of Crenshaw County adults do not have a high school diploma.

It is hard to know whether people become discouraged about getting a good education because there are so few opportunities for high-skill jobs, or whether the low-skill jobs are attracted to a county where people have little education to move beyond that level.

The people who live in Crenshaw County have strong ties to the county. The 1980 Census revealed that most of them were born in that county or nearby; that most of them have lived in the same house for at least five years; and that of the people who have moved, most only moved to a different house within Crenshaw County.

Even though opportunities may be limited, most of the working people in Crenshaw County prefer to work within their own county. Some workers commute to Montgomery or Troy. Some drive west into Butler County to work, and some drive south to jobs in Covington or Coffee Counties. Overall, commuters are only a fraction of the total. Most workers who live in Crenshaw work in Crenshaw.

It is not true that Crenshaw County citizens are not ambitious or not intelligent. There are other factors conspiring against the county's economic development. No major highway runs through the county. No major state institution or federal facility is within the county. No tourist or large recreation spots are in Crenshaw County. There are no large (or even medium-sized) towns in the county. Only four other Alabama counties have smaller total populations than Crenshaw (Bullock, Cleburne, Coosa, and Greene). Crenshaw has never in its 121-year history had a large population. But it gets increasingly difficult for an underpopulated area to compete with larger, economically stronger counties. The two industries on which the county has traditionally pinned its hopes, farming and manufacture of nondurable goods, are industries in a stagnant or declining phase. Crenshaw County citizens are typically loyal to their roots, and their roots are deep. But they face difficult times ahead.

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The Center for Business and Economic Research: Alabama's Data Repository

A business considering moving into an area needs a profile of the economic and demographic characteristics of the area. A state agency needs to know the impact of proposed legislation on tax collections. A letter, telephone call, or personal visit to the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) at The University of Alabama can often provide the needed information.

Housed in the College of Commerce and Business Administration, CBER is a major repository for business, economic, and demographic data for the State of Alabama and the region. Established in 1930 (as the Bureau of Business Research), CBER has served as a central reservoir of information and statistics relating to the Alabama economy and has engaged in research programs to measure and promote economic development within the State.

Over the years, the faces and the methods have changed. However, the Center's original statement of purpose—to make information available to the citizens of Alabama—is still its primary function.

Acquisition and Maintenance

CBER maintains comprehensive data bases of economic and demographic information on the State and its counties. These include detailed labor force information as well as data reflecting activity in construction, finance, and other major sectors.

One extremely important data file is the retail trade data base, prepared in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Revenue. Each month approximately 50,000 records are processed in order to produce these data. Work is in progress to continue to improve the accuracy of this series. Also in the trade area, the Center has developed tabulations from U.S. Department of Commerce data giving detailed information on imports and exports by country and commodity for the Mobile Customs District.

CBER has also developed econometric models for the State of Alabama and for each of Alabama's twelve planning districts. Forecasts from these models provide users with the most detailed assessment of current economic conditions and outlook available for Alabama.

As the lead agency in the Alabama State Data Center U.S. Bureau of the Census program, CBER holds a large collection of federal, state and regional data. These include housing and population information from the 1980 Census Summary Tapes and other special federal tabulations. The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce has also designated CBER as an agency entitled to computer tabulations, tapes, and microfiche reports of their work in employment and income estimation.

Dissemination

Beginning with The University of Alabama Business News in 1930, CBER has had a monthly data publication. The current publication, Alabama Business, presents selected data series and the analyses of those data. The publication is geared to those individuals interested in the Alabama economy.

A continuing project is the periodic publication of the Economic Abstract of Alabama, the most complete compendium of statistical data for the State. The next edition of this publication will be available in the Spring of 1987.

Forecasts from the State and regional models are used to produce annual documents. The most recent examples are 1986 Alabama Economic Outlook which examines Alabama's economy by industry with emphasis on output and employment and Planning Regions 1986 Economic Outlook which looks at the historical and forecasted trends for each of the State's twelve planning districts.

Special Studies

Using Census Bureau data, two new products were developed this year. Demographic profiles of all 751 zip code areas in Alabama were created using data from the 1980 Census of Population and Housing. The Center also reorganized Census files to correspond as closely as possible to Alabama's legislative districts to produce a three-page data summary for each House and Senate district.

CBER is designated the contact agency for the State of Alabama for population estimates and projections. A revised set of population projections for Alabama's counties through 2010 is in progress.

The Center also seeks contract research as well as originates independent research that provides insight into Alabama's economic outlook, its potential and its relationship to the region and nation. An example of this effort is a recent study funded by Sears, Roebuck and Company concerning the relationship between a state's tax structure and its economic growth.

Goal: Service

The activities of CBER [illegible] fall in the "general service" category. For example, in recent years the Center has been asked by the Alabama Legislature to provide projections of the Alabama Special Education Trust Fund receipts as a basis for planning the education budget. Another important service function is participating in the University's outreach program in the economic development area and in cooperative research programs with industry. This support has ranged from providing formal written reports with charts and graphs to verbal presentations.

Requests cover many topics and the scope and detail needed varies greatly. The most frequent general areas of interest are: income, employment, population, retail sales, educational attainment, building permits, and cost of living.

Whether responding to a youngster's request for "everything you have on Alabama" or assisting a local industrial development authority with data for a prospect, the Center for Business and Economic Research strives to provide the information desired.

—Deborah Hamilton

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985						1986						
	1984	1985	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985						1986						
	1984	1985	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate) continued															
Monroe	11 134	9 085	9 050	9 010	9 080	9 110	9 060	9 030	9 300	8 470	10 200	9 000	9 930	9 130	9 240
	10.9	13.5	12.7	10.9	10.9	10.2	11.9	12.7	12.8	[illegible]	12.8	13.7	11.1	11.8	10.9
Montgomery	96 607	91 901	92 900	90 770	91 760	90 910	91 390	91 860	91 340	93 200	93 800	94 670	96 170	96 130	96 090
	8.4	7.2	7.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.1	6.8	6.7	7.0	7.4	6.9	7.1
Morgan	38 872	43 468	43 890	43 700	43 700	43 800	43 560	44 240	44 710	44 010	44 620	44 170	45 420	46 080	46 200
	11.3	8.1	8	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.1	8.8	8.5	8.1	7.6	10.7	10.8
Perry	5 820	5 306	5 490	5 560	5 430	5 290	5 410	5 200	[illegible]	5 170	[illegible]	[illegible]	5 500	5 390	5 460
	14.3	13.2	12.4	12.1	11.2	16.7	15.4	16.7	14.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pickens	7 085	6 865	7 090	7 040	7 100	7 250	7 080	6 770	6 790	6 890	6 490	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	10.4	10.3	16.8	10.1	13.6	13.1	13.9	13.3	14.1	12.5	[illegible]	13.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pike	13 562	11 773	11 840	11 610	11 840	11 350	11 110	11 300	11 780	11 970	12 890	12 160	12 460	12 400	12 260
	10.7	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.7	7.6	7.1	8.0	7.8	8.8	8.5	7.7	8.1	8.8	9.4
Randolph	8 792	8 865	8 960	8 827	8 770	9 130	9 140	9 060	9 010	8 780	9 190	9 300	9 020	9 230	8 990
	14.9	9.6	12.4	8.8	7.6	8.0	7.1	7.4	7.5	8.8	[illegible]	7.5	7.4	7.4	[illegible]
Russell	19 090	20 634	21 840	21 620	20 960	20 530	20 620	20 940	20 890	20 860	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	12.4	10.5	14.6	11.6	9.0	9.0	8.6	10.8	11.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Clair	19 420	20 641	20 410	20 440	20 570	20 750	20 610	20 570	20 840	21 230	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	11.5	8.1	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.9	6.9
Shelby	31 912	34 001	34 750	34 460	34 260	34 340	34 100	34 190	34 440	34 870	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	10.4	7.0	7.2	7.3	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sumter	7 209	6 147	6 210	6 150	6 180	6 240	6 150	6 840	5 990	6 000	6 140	6 240	6 490	6 460	6 490
	11.6	13.1	13.7	13.9	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	19.3	19.4	21.4	21.7	21.1	28.3	20.8
Talladega	31 151	31 007	31 710	32 250	31 340	31 380	31 000	30 890	30 910	31 380	31 760	32 180	32 610	32 850	33 210
	15.1	11.1	12.8	13.5	11.6	11.0	11.0	10.4	11.1	11.0	11.1	11	11.4	12.6	13.7
Tallapoosa	17 304	18 256	18 690	18 440	18 390	18 180	18 430	18 200	18 280	18 640	18 490	18 400	18 350	18 630	18 710
	9.4	8.2	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.7	7.4	8.4	7.5	7.4	8.3	7.4	6.8	7.4
Tuscaloosa	58 136	64 346	63 520	64 330	64 970	65 750	65 980	65 550	65 770	66 400	66 470	66 910	66 830	67 340	67 010
	9.6	6.8	6.7	6.2	5.6	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.3	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.0	7.8	8.3
Walker	32 694	33 097	32 820	32 940	32 790	33 110	32 880	32 810	34 460	33 830	33 690	34 070	34 310	35 140	35 110
	15.3	9.9	8.1	7.4	8.1	8.3	8.2	8.3	14.4	13.7	11.7	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.8
Washington	6 491	5 856	6 030	5 870	5 810	5 840	5 820	5 810	5 990	5 910	6 100	6 050	6 160	6 270	6 260
	16.0	14.0	11.4	15.0	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2	17.6	16.8	16.8	17.1	20.0	20.8
Wilcox	5 475	4 397	4 450	4 340	4 310	4 410	4 340	4 340	4 210	4 270	4 350	4 400	4 510	4 560	4 580
	16.1	16.3	19.5	18.8	15.6	16.1	15.9	18.5	15.8	16.1	14.3	16.8	16.7	19.2	19.1
Winston	9 264	10 488	10 700	10 540	10 430	10 940	10 510	10 240	10 030	10 170	10 140	10 770	10 580	10 590	10 580
	19.6	17.1	15.2	13.9	20.4	18.1	19.1	20.1	24.1	24.1	22.9	[illegible]	16.4	19.1	19.1
TRADE															
Foreign trade through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	726 362	714 986	75 111	58 413	68 540	38 503	43 648	53 084	58 252	70 563	50 027	44 570	62 806	57 412	
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	9 484	13 402	1 278	1 560	1 606	682	1 050	876	984	1 437	1 032	1 304	1 216	1 549	
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	622 946	652 564	37 270	44 342	50 612	35 786	77 169	96 661	77 115	62 538	77 847	42 428	41 500	46 901	
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	21 911	22 749	1 983	1 196	1 474	1 454	1 831	2 074	2 588	2 214	1 600	1 171	1 850	1 919	
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile (1,000 tons)	38 290	38 242	3 224	2 495	2 472	3 159	3 106	3 344	3 553	3 634	3 007	3 138	3 431	3 042	3 414
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	24 284	25 020	2 427	2 554	2 518	1 914	1 776	2 013	2 461	2 074	1 848	1 716	1 792	2 273	2 829
Gasoline sales² (1,000 gallons)	1 905 267	1 981 468	166 023	156 206	149 928	160 169	159 060	163 477	159 132	147 757	163 267	176 844	173 243	168 489	
New passenger car registrations (number)	141 896	153 540	13 485	13 217	11 448	12 033	10 945	11 834	11 111	10 912	13 331	12 416	13 201	13 427	11 694
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state total¹ ($1 million)															
Food	3 630	3 402													
General stores with food and gas	173	156													
General merchandise	2 379	2 329													
Apparel	566	633													
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	542	679													
Automotive	3 070	3 272													
Gasoline service stations	294	262													
Lumber and building materials	888	1 153													
Hardware and farm implements	427	264													
Eating places	1 284	1 315													
Drug stores	264	266													
All other retail	2 161	1 826													
Total sales by retail concerns	15 671	15 655													
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2 612	3 870													
Total all sales at retail	18 284	19 525													
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	507 037	542 637	45 557	49 280	47 359	44 691	45 864	54 511	42 135	40 342	43 014	48 521	50 761		
Birmingham	5 020 295	5 368 757	442 418	472 850	452 379	441 556	446 494	528 691	427 637	409 788	402 396	474 870	491 378		
Dothan	641 532	667 194	56 739	57 448	55 851	56 339	53 002	65 796	51 734	50 327	49 210	56 820	61 205		
Florence	611 592	646 168	54 300	51 250	53 676	52 178	55 160	67 179	50 154	46 792	48 809	56 040	57 782		
Gadsden	458 793	475 670	40 989	42 727	39 466	38 575	39 497	45 925	35 766	34 174	33 251	41 810	40 994		
Huntsville	1 047 074	1 160 272	98 544	104 251	98 050	95 631	97 779	116 255	92 583	86 486	85 933	98 342	102 192		
Mobile	2 079 628	2 190 074	191 608	190 861	181 151	182 305	174 856	212 163	174 098	159 002	160 759	192 083	179 457		
Montgomery	1 427 914	1 510 004	128 930	129 446	126 693	121 981	122 599	153 297	116 196	114 048	122 278	133 869	134 077		
Tuscaloosa	630 169	674 640	56 549	59 531	56 543	55 957	56 662	67 990	55 207	50 901	50 129	60 016	57 496		
Counties															
Autauga	96 681	105 937	9 284	9 790	8 397	8 823	8 136	9 758	8 804	8 116	7 491	9 115	8 833		
Baldwin	343 603	355 444	34 638	32 210	28 238	26 552	25 637	30 317	25 633	25 200	27 256	31 712	31 847		
Barbour	71 569	75 348	6 572	6 396	6 249	6 265	6 120	7 551	5 825	5 772	5 880	6 413	6 390		
Bibb	41 388	44 116	3 538	3 924	3 910	3 670	3 906	4 429	3 478	3 446	3 843	4 025	4 302		
Blount	88 957	100 666	8 267	8 997	9 030	8 528	8 727	9 208	7 991	7 113	7 525	8 292	8 696		
Bullock	26 076	25 659	2 024	2 011	2 033	2 053	2 098	2 794	2 345	2 096	2 034	1 962	1 947		
Butler	65 540	63 137	5 164	5 222	5 182	5 142	5 100	5 956	5 103	4 682	5 010	5 187	4 973		
Calhoun	507 735	542 637	45 557	49 280	47 359	44 691	45 864	54 511	42 135	40 342	43 014	48 521	50 761		
Chambers	106 969	108 833	9 493	9 300	9 042	9 006	8 963	10 255	8 642	8 420	9 439	9 900	9 931		
Cherokee	47 882	50 326	4 637	4 246	4 459	4 404	3 937	4 139	4 286	3 671	3 486	4 720	4 487		
Chilton	99 835	109 585	8 908	9 566	9 102	8 985	9 304	10 471	8 412	8 457	8 801	9 354	10 506		
Choctaw	36 627	38 875	3 171	3 565	3 154	3 318	3 291	3 695	3 227	2 707	2 796	3 018	3 084		
Clarke	98 413	107 231	9 186	9 265	8 999	8 266	8 773	10 602	8 656	7 673	8 573	9 309	8 791		
Clay	26 354	26 979	2 210	2 399	2 216	2 215	2 116	2 470	2 354	2 129	2 120	2 393	2 424		
Cleburne	22 197	23 627	2 186	1 938	2 205	1 963	1 656	1 723	1 670	1 632	1 725	1 939	2 242		
Coffee	186 084	192 011	16 578	17 037	16 661	15 289	15 740	18 529	14 984	13 954	14 916	17 114	19 751		

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985						1986						
	1984	1985	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
TRADE (CONTINUED)															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and Counties (continued)															
Colbert	249,862	250,176	21,699	22,166	20,925	19,956	20,229	23,388	19,074	17,899	19,315	21,795	21,471		
Conecuh	37,496	36,944	3,052	3,243	2,967	2,845	3,260	3,526	2,699	2,543	2,557	2,750	2,940		
Coosa	8,919	10,204	876	861	777	990	813	914	807	685	767	838	847		
Covington	137,484	137,596	11,966	12,561	11,570	10,716	10,875	12,600	10,773	10,156	11,272	11,872	11,657		
Crenshaw	40,957	35,358	3,177	2,921	3,135	2,954	2,648	3,239	2,855	2,443	3,002	3,042	3,528		
Cullman	237,485	251,432	21,492	24,149	21,321	20,774	20,897	22,863	18,684	17,730	18,728	23,327	24,161		
Dale	104,884	114,605	9,609	9,790	9,442	9,293	9,706	11,415	8,562	8,554	8,064	10,072	10,603		
Dallas	198,889	207,950	17,622	18,694	17,215	16,669	17,275	19,996	15,794	14,834	15,997	17,102	17,507		
DeKalb	180,258	190,344	15,754	17,163	16,056	19,080	15,110	17,503	14,353	13,793	13,012	16,100	16,651		
Elmore	102,062	107,792	9,309	9,651	9,155	8,438	8,279	9,420	8,443	8,460	8,678	9,320	9,518		
Escambia	141,719	143,317	12,200	11,601	11,178	11,277	11,201	14,048	10,713	10,056	10,681	12,028	11,621		
Etowah	459,564	475,670	40,989	42,727	39,466	38,576	39,497	45,925	35,766	34,174	33,251	41,810	40,994		
Fayette	64,900	63,269	5,768	5,678	5,657	5,418	4,772	6,278	5,250	5,216	4,426	5,691	6,244		
Franklin	99,500	105,171	7,931	8,748	8,083	7,767	8,336	9,076	7,710	6,390	7,801	7,861	8,341		
Geneva	144,806	145,542	12,421	12,337	11,978	11,990	11,692	12,890	11,541	10,760	11,213	12,119	12,027		
Greene	18,302	16,838	1,477	1,554	1,508	1,395	1,347	1,437	1,363	1,391	1,422	1,494	1,567		
Hale	31,283	31,999	2,721	2,792	2,757	2,618	2,466	2,703	2,481	2,471	2,499	2,749	2,925		
Henry	35,719	38,398	3,114	3,492	3,343	3,104	3,107	3,515	3,051	2,706	2,883	3,201	2,907		
Houston	538,668	552,589	47,130	47,658	46,409	47,046	43,296	54,381	43,172	41,773	41,146	46,748	50,622		
Jackson	136,557	146,472	12,087	12,917	12,495	11,424	11,811	13,512	10,770	9,905	11,028	12,937	12,960		
Jefferson	4,275,224	4,525,935	370,859	397,800	382,490	372,786	375,633	451,113	360,663	344,785	339,154	397,009	413,375		
Lamar	37,962	37,813	3,220	3,339	2,844	3,053	3,113	3,529	3,171	2,940	2,622	3,111	3,879		
Lauderdale	362,802	395,992	32,601	35,084	32,751	32,222	34,931	43,791	31,080	28,893	29,494	34,245	36,411		
Lawrence	51,727	57,618	4,611	5,127	4,500	4,568	5,108	6,174	4,321	4,061	4,471	4,493	5,291		
Lee	346,847	372,241	29,497	33,052	32,981	30,711	33,326	38,504	29,733	26,707	28,932	31,566	34,070		
Limestone	161,430	176,626	14,735	16,262	15,123	14,405	13,843	16,882	14,122	13,110	12,831	15,345	15,815		
Lowndes	16,849	21,673	1,825	1,892	2,009	1,755	1,712	2,245	1,684	1,658	1,715	1,767	1,894		
Macon	45,109	44,359	3,718	4,078	4,101	3,987	3,471	3,825	3,992	3,585	3,450	4,190	4,399		
Madison	1,048,678	1,160,272	98,544	104,251	98,050	95,631	97,779	116,256	92,583	86,486	85,933	98,342	122,192		
Marengo	69,037	77,212	6,018	6,622	6,492	6,320	6,486	8,010	6,536	5,861	6,168	6,459	6,550		
Marion	95,738	104,142	8,643	9,068	8,781	8,440	9,045	10,492	8,719	7,996	8,029	9,771	9,639		
Marshall	339,190	382,250	33,588	34,722	32,104	30,431	32,457	35,696	28,690	27,914	30,032	33,632	36,912		
Mobile	1,756,156	1,834,630	156,970	158,651	152,913	155,753	149,219	181,848	148,465	133,807	133,503	160,371	147,610		
Monroe	102,682	105,935	8,287	10,423	9,230	9,331	11,538	12,110	6,553	5,779	5,308	6,308	6,736		
Montgomery	1,230,750	1,296,275	110,307	112,005	109,141	104,720	106,184	134,119	98,949	97,472	106,109	115,434	115,726		
Morgan	452,269	516,734	43,473	46,634	46,074	43,808	45,480	50,099	39,983	37,743	40,981	46,573	48,852		
Perry	25,100	24,054	2,033	2,007	2,101	1,887	1,914	2,167	1,873	1,844	1,859	2,297	2,216		
Pickens	41,328	41,998	3,612	3,923	3,476	3,370	3,336	3,664	3,296	3,186	3,119	3,765	4,258		
Pike	90,620	94,089	8,146	8,476	8,768	8,505	7,957	9,807	9,524	7,619	9,349	9,935	9,887		
Randolph	57,866	58,705	4,460	4,637	4,713	4,679	4,653	5,636	4,326	4,346	4,428	4,636	4,671		
Russell	121,109	121,990	10,406	9,799	9,564	10,370	9,852	11,919	9,150	8,625	9,795	11,198	10,959		
St. Clair	121,964	137,179	11,566	12,695	11,781	11,082	10,748	12,002	10,698	10,842	11,334	13,575	14,111		
Shelby	253,238	275,734	24,090	24,127	22,246	22,523	23,730	25,578	22,918	21,904	21,374	26,379	34,917		
Sumter	30,863	30,553	2,373	2,398	2,342	2,464	2,729	3,027	2,395	2,096	3,103	2,607	2,560		
Talladega	239,617	257,685	22,969	22,245	21,594	20,856	20,621	25,270	20,229	18,839	18,034	20,138	26,274		
Tallapoosa	127,374	133,242	10,981	12,044	10,996	10,688	11,389	12,630	10,177	10,695	10,775	11,519	13,530		
Tuscaloosa	631,256	674,640	56,549	59,531	56,543	55,957	56,662	67,990	55,207	52,901	55,129	60,315	67,106		
Walker	291,301	326,243	27,636	29,231	27,283	26,637	27,686	30,790	25,367	25,144	23,009	29,615	30,217		
Washington	21,658	20,665	1,943	1,692	1,978	1,645	1,622	1,558	1,642	1,329	1,240	1,697	1,956		
Wilcox	27,993	25,902	2,135	2,274	2,013	1,985	2,183	2,319	2,070	1,834	1,764	2,061	2,097		
Winston	71,276	80,223	6,712	7,307	6,868	6,801	7,040	7,560	6,217	5,623	6,121	8,906	9,795		
Statewide[11]	971,276	1,074,377	85,594	93,320	89,725	92,867	96,731	130,326	85,214	79,753	88,471	108,118	114,808		

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index". The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Per Capita Personal Income

State per capita personal income in 1985 ranged from $18,187 in Alaska and $18,089 in Connecticut to $9,187 in Mississippi, according to revised estimates of the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis. The U.S. average was $13,867, compared with $13,114 in 1984. In the Southeast in 1985 per capita personal income was $11,989 — 14 percent ($1,878) below the national average and lowest among all the regions. Virginia is the Southern state with the highest per capita income, and Mississippi is the state with the lowest. Alabama ranked eighth. The order is as follows: 1) Virginia; 2) Florida; 3) Georgia; 4) North Carolina; 5) Louisiana; 6) Tennessee; 7) Kentucky; 8) Alabama; 9) South Carolina; 10) Arkansas; 11) West Virginia; 12) Mississippi.

In Alabama the increase in per capita income from 1982 to 1985 was more than the national average. Earnings increases were large in durable goods manufacturing, and in state and local government. Alabama did not see as much increase in the construction and private service-type industries as her sister Southern states saw. Alabama's per capita personal income in 1985 was $10,673, a 5.8 percent increase over the previous year and a 21.0 percent increase during the period 1982-85. Still that $10,673 represents only 77 percent of the national average.

For more information consult the August 1986 issue of the Commerce Department's monthly periodical *Survey of Current Business*.

Average Annual Pay

The average annual pay of workers covered by State and Federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs was $19,186 in 1985, a 4.5 percent increase over 1984, according to preliminary data released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Alaska had the highest average annual pay of any state at $28,699. The District of Columbia came next with an average annual pay level of $26,160. South Dakota had the lowest average annual pay level at $13,987, with Mississippi and Maine having the next lowest.

Average annual pay varies widely by industry. Workers in the mining industry, which includes oil and gas extraction, average the highest wages nationwide. On the other end of the scale, retail trade workers—many of whom work part time—average the lowest average annual pay.

Alabama's average pay for workers in the private sector was $16,642 and was $18,516 for government workers. As is true nationwide, workers in the mining industry in Alabama had the highest average wages—$30,711—and retail trade workers had the lowest—only $9,920. Alabama's public and private sector wages average only 88.7 percent of the national figure. Wages improved 4.2 percent in Alabama between 1984 and 1985, but improved 4.4 percent nationally. Thus, not only were Alabama wages not as high as the national average, they also lost ground against the national average.

The Center for Business and Economic Research forecasts that wage rate increases in Alabama should be heftier in the last years of this decade. The mining industry will continue to be the highest-paying industry, but employees of the transportation, communications, and public utilities industries will also average high annual rates with big annual increases. The apparel industry, agricultural services, and farming will average the lowest wages. Specific forecasts of industry wages through 1990 are available in *Alabama Economic Outlook 1986: Detailed Forecast Tables*, Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Alabama.

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Economy in Perspective:

Focus on Fayette County

Population Characteristics

Fayette County is in northwest Alabama surrounded to the south by Pickens and Tuscaloosa Counties, Marion County to the north and Lamar and Walker Counties to the west and east respectively. Fayette County is heavily wooded and noted for its beautiful natural terrain.

There are five towns in the county and parts of two more towns. Fayette is the largest town in the county with a 1984 population of 5,453, a net increase over the 1980 population of 166 people. Fayette is also the county seat. Berry is the next largest town with a 1984 population of 959, followed by Belk with 322 people. Both Berry and Belk have shown modest increases in population over the past four years. In addition Fayette County shares parts of Glen Allen and Winfield with Marion County.

A majority of the population in Fayette County is white according to the 1980 census and projections predict no large changes in racial composition. The 1980 census showed the county to be 87 percent white and 13 percent black. The white majority is projected to increase slowly over the next several decades while the black population declines slowly.

The population in Fayette County is relatively young. The 18-to-59-year-old age group comprises well over half the county's population. The largest age group in 1980 was 15-to-19-year-olds with nine percent of the population. Children and teen-agers will be an important group of the county's population within the foreseeable future. By 1990 there will be about 4,800 school-age young people, and another 1,200 infants and preschoolers. By contrast there will be about 3,000 people in Fayette County in 1990 who are 65 or older.

The educational level of Fayette County citizens is not as high as the state average. It is disappointing to report that of those persons 25 and older, 35 percent have only an elementary education, with elementary defined as zero to eight years of schooling. Another 21 percent have attended high school but did not graduate; 30 percent have had four years of high school; seven percent have had one to three years of college and another seven percent have graduated from college. Alabama averages 12 percent of its adults having a college degree. Although Fayette ranks low in regard to higher educational attainment, proximity to The University of Alabama and Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa and to Brewer State Junior College in Fayette has undoubtedly made it easier for some rural Fayette County citizens to acquire a postsecondary education.

Economic Characteristics

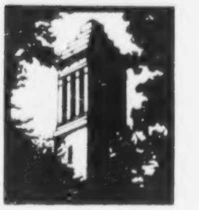
Fayette County's retail establishments are generally small with over half employing one to four persons. Although retail trade establishments outnumber manufacturing establishments, manufacturing employs 45 percent of the working population within Fayette County. Textile and apparel mills contribute to the county's economy, as do lumber mills and wood products mills. Mining also occurs in Fayette County.

Fayette County's economy depends on manufacturing much more heavily than is average for the state. Whereas 26 percent of Alabama's employed people work in manufacturing, 45 percent of Fayette County's do. The kinds of manufacturing industries in the county do not require employees with an advanced education or highly technical skills. Thus, 41 percent of Fayette County employees are working in jobs such as machine operator, assembler, inspector, cleaner, helper, or laborer. The state average for people in these classifications is only 24.5 percent. Just as Fayette County is disproportionately high in blue collar workers, it is also disproportionately low in white collar jobs. Fewer than average people in Fayette County work in managerial, professional, executive, technical, sales, or administrative support jobs.

Per capita income has risen steadily since 1979 from $6,265 to $9,018, a difference of $2,753 or 44 percent. That 44 percent increase seems less dramatic when one realizes that the increase for the entire state for that time period averaged 45.7 percent and for the nation 47.6 percent. While Fayette's 1984 per capita income was $9,018, the state average was $9,987, and the national average was $12,772.

The county has suffered terribly from high unemployment. While the state as a whole and the nation have seen hard times lessen in recent years, Fayette County's unemployment rate has remained in double digits. The counties surrounding Fayette, with the exception of Tuscaloosa, are having similar struggles with high unemployment. The manufacturing industries that have been the backbone of their economies have weakened considerably in recent years and these sparsely populated areas do not have enough diversification to be able to absorb so many hard blows.

—Ginger Shew and Annette Jones Watters



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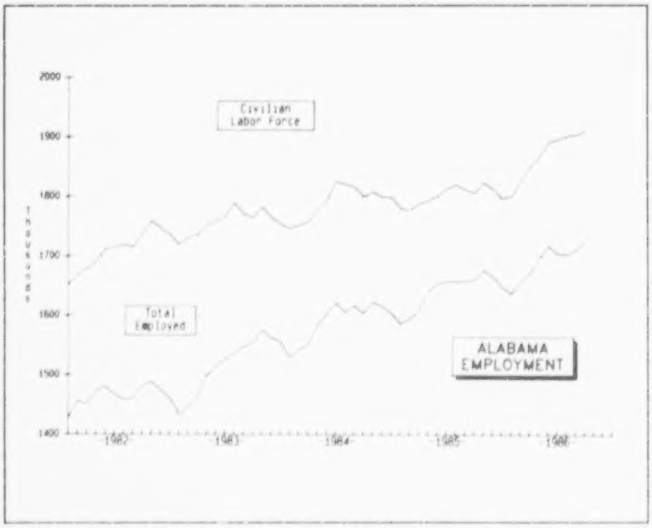

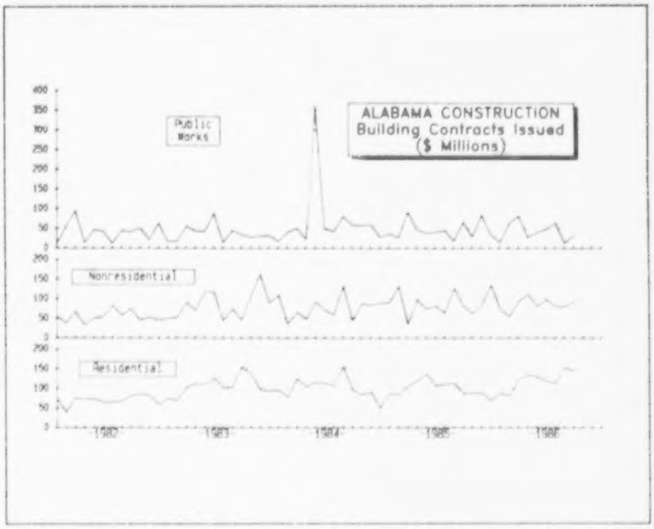

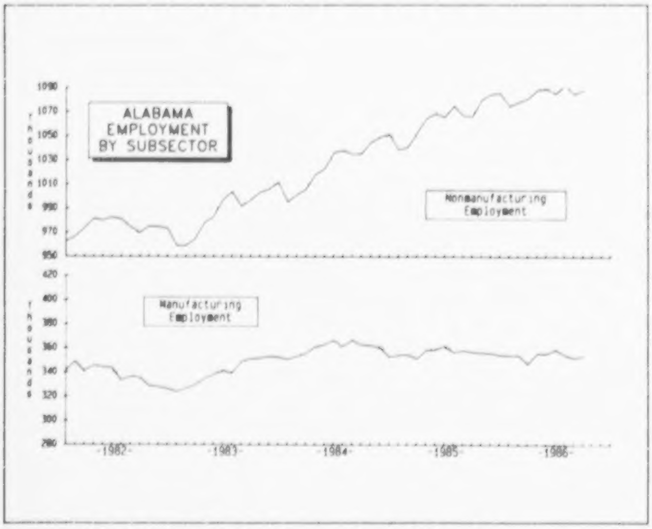

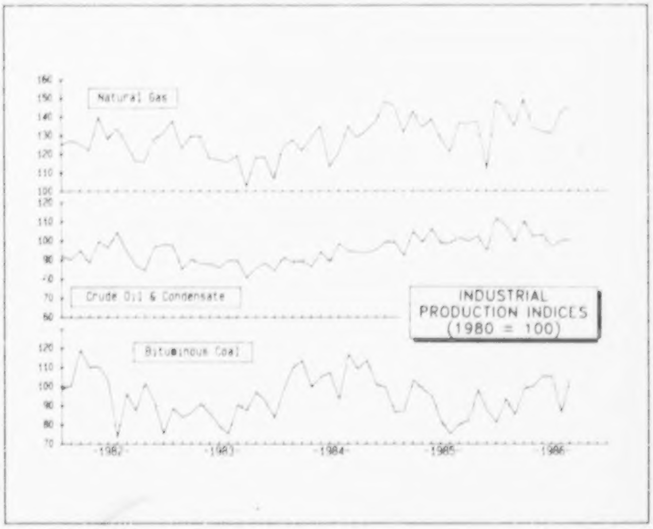

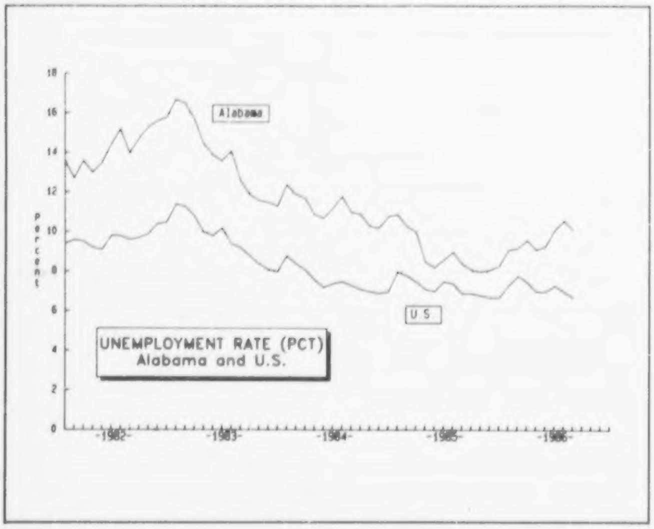

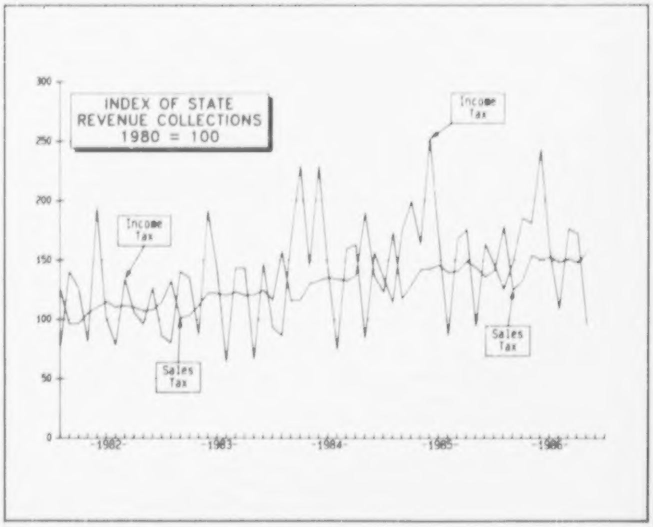

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985					1986							
	1984	1985	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	28,068	23,421	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,179	142,268	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	35,926	32,597	27,600	37,086
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,470	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,247	23,537	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	499	492	547	518	511	550	509	558	556	548	541	523	526
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,882,000	260,000	273,400	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000
Residential	1,232,400	1,228,600	114,000	115,700	88,800	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300
Nonresidential	920,000	1,075,300	126,700	89,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,700	19,300	67,800	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	132	122	121	116	85	102	93	123	131	117	124	121	119
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,547	6,287	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,842	2,772,554	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312
Franchise	64,477	69,838	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853
Income	1,009,832	1,084,829	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	130,506
Motor fuels	50,278	51,921	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252
Oil-gas: privilege	70,182	64,950	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626
Oil-gas: production	17,331	17,600	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737
Sales	704,299	730,389	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048
2.2% Gross receipts	54,766	54,972	23		13,972	84		13,957	1	1	13,363	600		13,951	43
TVA electric	36,733	42,844	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438
Tobacco	70,023	72,774	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280
Use	75,724	79,253	854	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161
Utility	151,260	156,209	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	.3	.5	0	.2
Food	302.9	309.8	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7
Housing	336.5	349.9	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0
Transportation	311.7	319.9	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3
Medical care	379.5	403.1	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5
Energy	423.6	426.5	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	298.9	297.7	297.2
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	323.7	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.1	323.8	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.6	308.5	307.7
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.321	.310	.309	.308	.307	.306	.305	.305	.305	.307	.307	.306	.305	.305	.304
Wholesale prices	.322	.324	.325	.327	.325	.323	.322	.324	.329	.333	.336	.334	.335	.336	.336
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0	1,893.5	1,896.8	1,904.1	1,905.3
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5	175.5	192.3	200.9	192.5
Unemployment rate	11.2	8.9	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.3	10.1	10.6	10.1
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5	1,718.0	1,704.5	1,703.2	1,712.8
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5	1,443.9	1,446.5	1,436.6
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3	358.8	354.4	351.8
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	174.9	174.3	174.0	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6	25.5	25.2	24.1
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1	22.4	22.6	22.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	22.8	22.1
Transportation	25.4	26.6	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.7	28.4	25.8
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9	19.0	18.9	19.2	18.7	18.9
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7	182.2	178.3	180.3
Food	28.0	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.8
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8	37.6	37.3	37.8
Apparel	55.6	52.7	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9	50.6	51.7	50.7	51.5
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0	21.5	19.2	19.3
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.3
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.6	16.8	16.8	17.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2	1,085.1	1,092.1	1,084.8
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.0	12.0
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7	72.2	74.4	74.5
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4	71.0	72.2	72.1
Trade	291.3	303.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3	312.8	316.2	317.3
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8	76.3	77.4	77.0
Retail	217.6	227.1	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5	236.5	238.8	240.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9	69.7	70.4	70.4
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3	247.3	247.7	247.1
Government	293.4	297.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2	299.9	299.2	291.4
Federal	64.9	65.2	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8	64.0	64.3	64.6	64.7
State and local	228.4	232.1	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2	235.6	234.6	226.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985					1986							
	1984	1985	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT (con't)															
State employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	[illegible]	[illegible]	19,672	19,641	21,372	16,976	14,252	21,963	17,409	19,866	18,535	21,538	21,610	26,404	21,653
Nonagricultural placements	91,761	94,808	10,137	8,656	8,725	6,360	5,359	8,275	6,688	6,390	8,521	9,820	12,158	21,380	10,906
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	435,832	420,689	26,309	24,076	29,590	36,119	40,641	67,430	39,179	32,640	36,409	32,108	29,903	37,267	32,760
Payments ($1,000)	172,591	172,910	13,284	11,421	13,641	13,382	14,191	20,141	16,997	15,660	16,091	15,026	13,784	15,968	15,178
County labor force and unemployment rate															
Autauga	15,610	16,107	16,440	16,340	16,000	16,170	16,300	16,000	16,110	16,060	16,260	16,390	16,520	16,140	16,450
	9.6	[illegible]	8.1	8.0	[illegible]	8.0	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.6	8.1	8.3	7.9	7.8	8.1	7.6
Baldwin	49,420	51,077	51,700	51,290	51,200	51,630	50,170	51,490	50,070	50,400	50,600	51,070	50,950	51,070	50,630
	10.9	7.7	6.3	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.8	8.5	8.1
Barbour	12,220	11,352	11,420	11,760	11,610	11,600	11,960	11,210	11,540	11,520	11,580	11,860	11,960	11,840	12,030
	12.1	10.5	[illegible]	8.6	9.4	8.6	8.2	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.7	12.2	[illegible]	9.4	9.7
Bibb	6,206	6,660	6,910	6,640	6,730	[illegible]	6,660	6,790	6,990	6,860	7,060	7,220	7,500	7,460	7,460
	16.8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.9	13.9	13.4	[illegible]	11.9	11.8	13.8	12.4	12.6	11.6	11.6
Blount	16,747	17,027	17,090	17,160	17,360	17,380	17,240	17,200	17,660	18,640	18,060	18,390	18,470	18,360	18,360
	11.0	8.9	9.6	9.7	[illegible]	8.9	9.6	9.1	9.6	10.8	9.9	7.9	8.4	8.1	8.1
Bullock	4,525	3,678	3,780	[illegible]	3,750	3,750	3,640	3,570	3,590	3,600	3,640	3,960	3,840	4,030	3,870
	14.8	[illegible]	17.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.8	[illegible]	16.1	[illegible]	15.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Butler	8,790	9,076	9,110	9,060	9,020	9,070	8,960	8,480	8,880	9,000	9,020	8,960	[illegible]	9,110	8,590
	13.6	11.5	10.6	12.0	11.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.6	12.4	11.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.6	11.6
Calhoun	47,591	49,967	50,420	49,890	50,140	50,270	49,910	50,760	50,570	50,780	51,410	51,760	52,210	52,650	52,060
	11.3	8.9	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	[illegible]	9.4	[illegible]	10.4	[illegible]
Chambers	16,909	16,902	17,010	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,830	[illegible]	17,110	[illegible]	17,090	17,240	17,460	17,450	17,640
	9.3	8.9	8.4	7.9	7.5	[illegible]	7.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.4	[illegible]	8.4
Cherokee	11,661	7,962	7,840	7,680	7,650	7,740	7,690	7,670	7,670	[illegible]	7,880	[illegible]	8,070	7,960	8,040
	14.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chilton	16,185	15,739	15,270	15,210	15,410	15,690	15,320	15,330	15,360	15,420	15,640	15,900	16,020	16,210	16,330
	11.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.4	9.2	[illegible]	9.3	8.8	[illegible]	9.4	[illegible]	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.0
Choctaw	6,787	6,581	6,360	6,470	6,551	6,440	6,580	6,630	6,610	6,910	7,020	7,090	7,220	7,400	7,290
	16.2	14.6	14.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.4	[illegible]	12.4	13.7	16.1	16.1	[illegible]	15.8	15.3
Clarke	10,629	11,044	11,050	10,960	11,210	10,870	11,070	11,150	11,180	11,220	11,320	11,380	11,410	11,350	11,490
	14.0	9.8	7.9	7.8	9.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.4	[illegible]	10.5	9.9
Clay	7,574	6,397	6,390	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,280	6,380	6,370	6,570	6,700	6,690	6,540	6,440	6,540
	10.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.6	11.4
Cleburne	5,251	5,706	5,620	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,660	5,490	5,650	5,680	5,810	5,710	5,940	5,920	6,150
	[illegible]	9.7	8.4	6.8	[illegible]	6.7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coffee	20,212	17,544	17,150	17,180	17,560	17,760	16,740	16,900	17,200	17,450	17,110	17,910	17,690	17,220	17,780
	8.8	7.2	6.3	[illegible]	6.9	7.5	5.4	[illegible]	7.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.4	[illegible]	7.8
Colbert	23,913	24,545	24,660	24,650	24,490	24,210	23,960	[illegible]	23,470	24,540	25,250	[illegible]	25,460	[illegible]	25,520
	16.4	13.1	[illegible]	11.1	11.8	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1	11.9	12.8	[illegible]	13.8	14.9	14.1
Conecuh	7,214	6,399	6,300	6,250	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,360	6,480	6,600	6,600	6,820	6,750	6,520	6,460
	[illegible]	10.8	11.7	9.8	10.4	10.1	10.5	11.8	12.9	[illegible]	14.5	14.1	[illegible]	12.5	15.2
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,630	4,740	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850	4,920	[illegible]	4,840	4,740	[illegible]	4,850
	8.0	[illegible]	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	[illegible]	6.3	[illegible]	6.6	8.0	6.9	10.1	8.7	8.1
Covington	16,998	17,126	16,990	16,990	17,450	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940	17,020	17,310	17,700	17,460	17,080	17,530
	9.4	8.7	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1	10.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.2	10.5	10.1
Crenshaw	7,456	6,334	6,070	6,110	6,280	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880	6,050	6,100	6,240	6,350	6,060	6,140
	11.0	8.1	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.8	8.6	9.1	13.7	8.0	[illegible]	8.1	8.8	9.6
Cullman	29,541	30,414	30,980	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400	30,670	30,800	31,040	31,380	31,390	31,420
	11.5	9.6	9.4	8.2	9.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.3	9.4	9.6	9.1
Dale	22,733	19,531	19,670	19,490	19,750	19,500	19,330	19,500	19,910	20,150	20,450	20,750	20,730	20,820	20,870
	7.6	7.4	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.9	8.3	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.4
Dallas	21,135	22,316	22,390	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,500	22,790	22,880	23,410	23,510	23,540	23,520
	16.7	16.0	14.4	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7	15.0	14.7	15.3	17.1	16.7	15.6
DeKalb	30,829	27,461	28,200	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350	27,880	27,970	28,610	29,020	29,440	29,680
	10.6	10.4	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	9.0	9.1	10.1	10.6	9.6
Elmore	20,767	20,784	20,610	20,640	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870	21,090	21,190	21,500	21,400	21,080	21,420
	7.7	7.3	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.4	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.6
Escambia	16,103	16,738	16,760	17,000	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920	17,120	17,290	17,610	17,440	17,490	17,610
	12.1	9.9	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	14.0	11.2	11.2	11.6	11.3	10.1
Etowah	42,608	42,225	42,930	42,670	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060	43,680	43,660	44,480	44,000	44,570	44,220
	13.5	10.3	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8	16.1	12.9	14.3	13.1	13.7	12.0
Fayette	10,438	8,229	7,980	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140	8,160	8,200	8,210	8,060	8,020	8,160
	9.6	14.3	13.0	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9	13.5	14.2	12.9	13.1	13.8	13.5
Franklin	14,821	15,046	15,210	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950	14,970	15,110	15,000	15,200	15,540	15,470
	18.6	13.7	12.6	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9	14.2	12.7	11.5	13.2	16.6	13.9
Geneva	11,740	10,714	10,680	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740	11,040	11,020	11,380	11,170	11,240	11,140
	8.2	9.5	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.7	10.3	8.2
Greene	4,764	3,841	3,800	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,600	3,620	3,760	3,950	3,810	3,890	3,870	3,940	3,990
	17.1	17.6	16.4	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0	17.2	13.8	13.4	15.1	15.2	14.8
Hale	5,480	5,821	5,910	5,910	6,020	5,980	5,760	5,730	5,800	5,900	5,980	6,280	6,230	6,230	6,370
	17.1	11.3	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.6	11.0	9.8	11.5
Henry	7,294	6,748	6,760	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790	6,840	6,780	6,890	6,820	6,740	6,780
	9.4	10.6	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.4	8.6	9.5	10.0	8.7
Houston	36,547	33,718	34,030	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480	34,750	35,470	35,730	35,480	36,040	35,930
	9.0	8.4	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	8.8	9.7	8.9	9.3	10.4	9.1
Jackson	19,785	20,483	20,490	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700	20,800	20,680	20,950	21,130	21,120	21,150
	16.8	12.3	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	12.7	12.4	14.7	15.4	13.9
Jefferson	303,502	312,343	314,640	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270	322,760	327,950	330,520	332,560	335,200	336,870
	9.8	6.9	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.8	8.5	9.1
Lamar	9,346	8,808	8,850	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760	8,830	8,900	9,010	9,020	9,220	9,010
	7.3	8.0	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.4	11.4	9.5
Lauderdale	35,599	36,158	36,470	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,670	36,560	36,680	36,840	37,510	37,740	37,340	37,300
	14.8	10.9	10.3	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.0	10.9	10.4	10.7	12.8	12.0	11.1
Lawrence	13,445	12,636	12,810	12,870	13,130	13,740	12,470	12,450	12,590	12,720	12,730	13,050	12,980	13,080	13,450
	15.1	12.7	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2	15.0	14.2	14.0	12.4	13.5	13.9	15.4
Lee	38,473	37,752	37,360	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,300	38,180	38,240	38,460	38,660	38,000	38,130	37,580
	6.6	7.0	7.5	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3	8.6	7.0	6.9	6.9	8.2	9.9	7.7
Limestone	20,225	27,043	27,450	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,300	28,700	29,070	29,410	29,860	29,590	29,540	29,440
	10.8	7.1	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3	9.2	9.2	8.4	8.4	9.2	9.5	11.4
Lowndes	5,096	4,636	4,890	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,360	4,420	4,530	4,540	4,660	4,700	4,800	4,960
	18.3	14.1	13.5	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5	12.1	12.3	13.7	14.2	18.0	17.1	17.9
Macon	8,147	10,453	10,620	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,340	10,420	10,490	10,590	10,800	10,560	10,720	10,680
	11.1	8.5	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.1	9.1	10.2	10.1	9.4
Madison	117,779	117,767	119,010	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,030	120,730	122,630	123,790	125,440	127,470	126,890	126,560
	7.1	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	6.4	7.9	7.7	8.1
Marengo	9,722	9,934	9,870	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,600	9,750	10,140	9,960	10,110	10,120	10,300	10,180
	14.2	10.6	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.2	10.0	9.7	15.5	10.2	9.7	10.6	13.6	10.4
Marion	13,584	15,278	15,310	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,560	15,550	15,640	15,810	16,040	16,030	16,440	16,310
	14.9	13.8	11.2	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.9	11.8	12.9	16.7	14.7
Marshall	33,047	35,615	35,810	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	35,960	36,110	37,050	36,980	37,500	37,870	38,190	37,440
	12.6	8.7	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7	10.1	16.3	10.2	10.4	12.0	14.2	11.1
Mobile	164,727	166,738	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200	171,160	172,670	175,480	176,290	176,720	176,820
	12.7	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.7	11.7	11.5	11.3

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985					1986							
	1984	1985	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT (CONT.)															
[illegible]															
Marshall	[illegible]	[illegible]	9,010	9,090	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,920	8,970	9,200	9,400	9,440	9,190	9,280	9,510
	[illegible]	11.5	10.1	10.0	10.2	11.6	12.1	12.6	12.0	12.8	12.1	11.7	11.6	10.9	10.7
Montgomery	96,8[illegible]	91,007	92,1[illegible]	91,780	90,910	90,590	91,880	91,340	93,020	93,820	94,610	96,310	96,130	96,500	96,040
	8.5	7.7	7.1	6.7	6.1	6.4	6.1	[illegible]	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.8	8.3	8.9	7.8
Morgan	39,7[illegible]	43,369	43,700	43,250	43,600	43,680	43,290	43,710	44,110	44,620	45,0[illegible]	45,820	46,060	46,200	46,640
	11.[illegible]	8.4	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.9	9.3	9.0	9.3	9.1	8.1	10.1	10.9	11.9
Perry	5,5[illegible]	5,5[illegible]	5,600	5,430	5,290	5,3[illegible]	5,3[illegible]	5,1[illegible]	5,110	5,2[illegible]	5,2[illegible]	5,300	5,300	5,400	5,530
	15.1	13.2	13.1	15.2	15.7	14.4	16.7	14.5	14.1	11.9	9.6	11.7	12.3	12.7	15.9
Pickens	7,08[illegible]	6,965	7,050	7,100	7,250	7,390	6,7[illegible]	6,750	6,920	6,960	[illegible]	7,430	7,230	7,360	7,530
	15.9	13.2	15.1	13.8	14.5	13.8	15.4	13.5	14.4	14.7	14.3	14.3	16.3	16.7	16.8
Pike	12,56[illegible]	11,77[illegible]	11,8[illegible]	11,890	12,300	12,1[illegible]	11,300	11,790	11,970	12,090	12,180	12,460	12,490	12,200	12,320
	[illegible]	8.0	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.9	7.8	8.6	8.3	7.7	9.0	8.4	9.9	9.8
Randolph	[illegible]	8,965	8,830	8,770	8,930	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9,140	9,300	9,320	9,120	9,180	9,510
	14.9	9.8	9.8	7.9	8.9	[illegible]	7.4	7.7	8.3	7.3	7.5	11.4	10.8	12.9	12.9
Russell	19,200	20,634	21,100	20,980	20,550	20,620	20,440	20,440	20,990	21,390	21,500	21,000	21,120	21,110	21,260
	12.9	10.8	11.0	9.0	9.2	9.0	10.8	11.2	[illegible]	10.1	9.6	9.1	9.8	10.3	10.7
St. Clair	19,40[illegible]	20,191	20,440	20,570	20,780	20,600	20,490	20,640	21,040	21,600	21,380	21,710	22,030	22,090	[illegible]
	11.1	8.7	8.4	[illegible]	8.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.7	7.9	7.5	6.7	7.4	8.9	8.9	8.8
Shelby	31,917	33,30[illegible]	33,860	33,250	[illegible]	[illegible]	33,1[illegible]	34,440	34,6[illegible]	35,0[illegible]	35,3[illegible]	35,640	36,2[illegible]	36,210	[illegible]
	[illegible]	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.7	7.1	6.9	6.5	5.9	6.4	7.3	7.7	7.8
Sumter	[illegible]	6,747	6,150	6,180	6,240	6,7[illegible]	6,8[illegible]	6,300	6,520	6,410	6,540	6,400	6,460	6,300	6,410
	[illegible]	13.7	14.1	16.1	17.2	15.4	14.5	19.1	19.1	21.4	21.1	21.1	20.1	20.9	22.6
Talladega	31,14[illegible]	[illegible]	32,020	32,000	30,880	[illegible]	30,880	30,870	31,380	31,750	30,780	32,670	32,850	33,270	33,310
	15.1	11.1	13.0	11.6	11.2	11.2	12.3	11.1	11.2	[illegible]	11.3	11.5	12.8	13.7	13.1
Tallapoosa	17,824	[illegible]	18,440	18,390	[illegible]	18,420	[illegible]	18,280	18,640	18,400	18,600	19,060	19,690	19,170	19,910
	9.4	8.2	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.6	7.1	6.5	7.5	8.9	9.0	8.2
Tuscaloosa	65,14[illegible]	64,940	65,810	64,970	[illegible]	65,880	[illegible]	[illegible]	66,300	67,470	68,410	68,610	67,440	67,470	[illegible]
	9.8	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.3	8.3	8.7	8.9	7.7	7.7	6.9	7.8	8.6	8.4	[illegible]
Walker	32,59[illegible]	[illegible]	32,940	32,780	33,110	32,990	32,870	33,380	33,440	33,680	33,310	33,440	33,990	[illegible]	33,410
	13.0	9.9	7.9	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.3	14.4	14.8	13.8	13.9	13.6	15.2	13.1	11.4
Washington	6,59[illegible]	5,905	5,870	5,800	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990	5,910	6,100	6,050	6,160	6,210	6,260	[illegible]
	18.0	14.9	15.0	13.0	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2	15.6	18.8	16.8	17.1	[illegible]	20.8	17.1
Wilcox	5,41[illegible]	4,381	4,240	4,110	4,410	4,440	4,240	4,210	4,270	4,350	4,300	[illegible]	4,360	4,480	4,440
	[illegible]	15.4	15.6	15.6	[illegible]	15.9	[illegible]	15.8	15.7	16.3	16.8	16.7	19.2	19.1	17.6
Winston	9,264	10,488	10,140	10,020	10,380	[illegible]	10,340	10,830	10,110	10,140	[illegible]	10,580	10,550	10,680	10,620
	19.6	17.1	17.9	20.4	18.1	19.6	20.1	24.1	24.1	22.4	17.7	16.4	19.1	19.1	19.2
TRADE															
Foreign through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	100,962	114,985	56,413	66,740	36,820	43,648	53,389	58,252	70,060	62,021	64,575	62,809	62,910		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lb)	9,484	13,402	1,080	1,606	652	1,356	816	984	1,417	1,202	2,304	1,216	1,640		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	622,448	602,564	34,342	30,612	15,786	77,164	96,642	77,118	82,538	57,491	47,428	45,530	46,925		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lb)	21,911	20,799	1,896	1,414	1,454	1,831	2,574	2,988	1,114	1,620	1,111	1,452	1,612		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile (1,000 tons)	38,197	38,242	2,895	3,372	3,194	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,614	3,411	3,100	3,415	3,262	3,338	2,600
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption for industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	24,284	25,070	2,564	2,515	1,974	1,776	2,019	2,461	2,314	1,838	1,716	1,792	2,272	2,520	
Gasoline sales (1,000 gallons)	1,905,267	1,881,466	156,206	149,828	160,169	150,060	165,417	159,132	132,757	163,267	176,834	173,243	168,489		
New passenger car registrations (number)	141,896	153,540	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912	13,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state total** ($1,000,000)															
Food	3,630	3,402													
General stores with food and gas	173	258													
General merchandise	2,379	2,329													
Apparel	566	633													
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	542	679													
Automotive	3,079	3,772													
Gasoline service stations	294	262													
Lumber and building materials	688	1,153													
Hardware and farm implements	422	264													
Eating places	1,264	1,312													
Drug stores	264	266													
All other retail	2,151	1,826													
Total sales by retail concerns	15,671	15,655													
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,612	3,870													
Total all sales at retail	18,284	19,525	1,718	1,641	1,612	1,624	1,941	1,536	1,452	1,481	1,721	1,771			
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties** ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,037	542,637	49,280	47,359	44,691	45,864	54,511	42,135	40,342	43,014	48,521	50,761			
Birmingham	5,020,295	5,365,757	472,850	452,379	441,556	446,494	528,691	427,637	409,788	402,396	474,870	491,378			
Dothan	641,532	667,194	57,448	55,851	56,339	53,002	65,796	51,734	50,327	49,210	56,820	61,225			
Florence	611,592	646,168	57,250	53,676	52,178	55,160	67,179	50,154	46,792	48,809	56,040	57,782			
Gadsden	458,793	475,670	42,727	39,466	38,576	39,497	45,925	35,768	34,174	33,251	41,810	40,994			
Huntsville	1,047,074	1,160,272	104,251	98,050	95,631	97,779	116,255	92,583	86,486	85,933	98,342	102,192			
Mobile	2,079,628	2,190,074	190,861	181,151	182,305	174,856	212,163	174,098	159,002	160,759	192,083	179,457			
Montgomery	1,427,914	1,510,004	129,446	126,693	121,981	122,599	153,297	116,196	114,048	122,278	133,869	134,077			
Tuscaloosa	630,169	674,640	59,531	56,543	55,957	56,662	67,990	55,207	50,901	50,129	60,016	57,496			
Counties															
Autauga	96,681	105,937	9,790	8,397	8,823	8,136	9,758	8,804	8,116	7,491	9,115	8,833			
Baldwin	343,603	355,444	32,210	28,238	26,552	25,637	30,317	25,633	25,200	27,256	31,712	31,847			
Barbour	71,563	75,318	6,396	6,249	6,265	6,120	7,551	5,825	5,772	5,880	6,413	6,390			
Bibb	41,388	44,116	3,924	3,910	3,670	3,906	4,429	3,478	3,446	3,843	4,025	4,302			
Blount	88,957	100,666	8,997	9,030	8,528	8,727	9,208	7,991	7,113	7,525	8,292	8,696			
Bullock	26,076	25,659	2,011	2,033	2,053	2,098	2,794	2,345	2,096	2,034	1,962	1,947			
Butler	65,540	63,137	5,222	5,182	5,142	5,100	5,956	5,103	4,682	5,010	5,187	4,973			
Calhoun	507,735	542,637	49,280	47,359	44,691	45,864	54,511	42,135	40,342	43,014	48,521	50,761			
Chambers	106,969	108,833	9,300	9,042	9,006	8,963	10,255	8,642	8,420	9,439	9,900	9,931			
Cherokee	47,882	50,326	4,246	4,459	4,404	3,937	4,139	4,286	3,671	3,486	4,720	4,487			
Chilton	99,835	109,585	9,566	9,102	8,985	9,304	10,471	8,412	8,457	8,801	9,354	10,506			
Choctaw	36,627	38,875	3,565	3,154	3,318	3,291	3,695	3,227	2,707	2,796	3,018	3,084			
Clarke	98,413	107,231	9,265	8,999	8,266	8,773	10,602	8,656	7,673	8,573	9,309	8,791			
Clay	26,354	26,979	2,399	2,216	2,215	2,116	2,470	2,354	2,129	2,120	2,393	2,424			
Cleburne	22,197	23,627	1,938	2,205	1,963	1,656	1,723	1,670	1,632	1,725	1,939	2,242			
Coffee	186,084	192,011	17,037	16,661	15,289	15,740	18,529	14,984	13,954	14,916	17,114	19,751			

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985					1986							
	1984	1985	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties continued															
Counties continued															
Colbert	249 862	250 176	22 166	20 925	19 956	20 229	23 388	19 074	17 899	19 315	21 795	21 471			
Conecuh	37 496	36 944	3 243	2 967	2 845	3 260	3 526	2 699	2 543	2 557	2 750	2 940			
Coosa	8 919	10 204	867	777	990	813	914	807	685	767	838	847			
Covington	137 484	137 596	12 561	11 570	10 716	10 875	12 600	10 773	10 156	11 272	11 872	11 657			
Crenshaw	30 957	35 358	2 920	3 135	2 954	2 648	3 239	2 855	2 443	3 002	3 042	3 528			
Cullman	237 485	251 432	23 149	21 021	20 774	20 897	22 863	18 684	17 730	18 720	23 327	24 161			
Dale	104 884	114 605	9 790	9 442	9 293	9 706	11 415	8 562	8 554	8 064	10 072	10 603			
Dallas	198 889	207 950	18 694	17 215	16 669	17 275	19 996	15 794	14 834	15 997	17 102	17 507			
DeKalb	180 255	190 344	17 163	16 056	19 080	15 110	17 503	14 353	13 793	13 012	16 100	16 651			
Elmore	102 062	107 792	9 651	9 155	8 438	8 279	9 420	8 443	8 460	8 678	9 320	9 518			
Escambia	141 719	143 317	11 601	11 178	11 277	11 201	14 048	10 713	10 056	10 681	12 028	11 621			
Etowah	459 564	475 670	42 727	39 466	38 576	39 497	45 925	35 766	34 174	33 251	41 810	40 994			
Fayette	64 900	63 269	5 678	5 657	5 418	4 772	5 278	5 250	5 216	4 426	5 691	6 244			
Franklin	99 500	105 171	8 748	8 083	7 767	8 336	9 076	7 710	6 990	7 801	7 861	8 341			
Geneva	144 806	145 542	12 337	11 978	11 990	11 692	12 890	11 541	10 759	11 213	12 119	12 027			
Greene	18 302	16 898	1 554	1 508	1 395	1 347	1 437	1 363	1 391	1 422	1 494	1 567			
Hale	31 283	31 999	2 792	2 757	2 618	2 466	2 703	2 481	2 471	2 499	2 749	2 925			
Henry	35 719	38 396	3 492	3 343	3 104	3 107	3 515	3 051	2 706	2 583	3 220	2 907			
Houston	538 668	552 589	47 658	46 409	47 046	43 296	54 381	43 172	41 773	41 146	46 748	50 622			
Jackson	136 557	146 472	12 917	12 495	11 424	11 877	13 512	10 770	9 905	11 028	12 937	12 963			
Jefferson	4 275 224	4 525 935	397 800	382 490	372 786	375 633	451 113	360 663	344 785	339 154	397 009	413 375			
Lamar	37 962	37 813	3 339	2 844	3 053	3 113	3 529	3 171	2 940	2 622	3 111	3 670			
Lauderdale	362 832	395 992	35 084	32 751	32 222	34 931	43 791	31 080	28 893	29 494	34 245	36 311			
Lawrence	51 727	57 618	5 127	4 500	4 568	5 108	6 174	4 321	4 061	4 471	4 493	5 291			
Lee	346 847	372 241	33 052	32 981	30 711	33 326	38 504	29 733	26 702	28 932	31 566	34 070			
Limestone	161 430	176 626	16 262	15 123	14 405	13 833	16 882	14 122	13 110	12 833	15 345	15 815			
Lowndes	16 849	21 623	1 892	2 009	1 755	1 713	2 245	1 584	1 658	1 715	1 767	1 893			
Macon	45 109	44 359	4 078	4 107	3 987	3 471	3 825	3 992	3 585	3 450	4 190	4 399			
Madison	1 048 678	1 160 272	104 251	98 050	95 631	97 779	116 255	92 583	86 486	85 933	98 342	102 192			
Marengo	69 037	77 212	6 622	6 492	6 320	6 486	8 010	6 306	5 861	6 168	6 459	6 550			
Marion	95 238	104 142	9 068	8 781	8 440	9 045	10 492	8 719	7 996	8 029	8 771	9 639			
Marshall	339 190	382 250	34 722	32 104	30 431	32 457	35 696	28 692	27 914	30 032	33 632	36 912			
Mobile	1 756 156	1 834 630	158 651	152 913	155 753	149 219	181 846	148 465	133 802	133 503	160 371	147 610			
Monroe	102 682	105 935	10 423	9 230	9 331	11 139	12 110	6 013	5 779	5 308	6 308	6 736			
Montgomery	1 230 750	1 296 275	110 005	109 141	104 720	106 184	134 119	98 949	97 472	106 109	115 434	115 726			
Morgan	452 269	516 734	46 634	45 074	43 806	45 480	50 099	39 983	37 743	40 861	46 573	48 852			
Perry	25 100	24 054	2 007	2 101	1 887	1 914	2 167	1 873	1 844	1 859	2 097	2 016			
Pickens	41 328	41 998	3 923	3 476	3 310	3 338	3 664	3 296	3 186	3 119	4 265	4 258			
Pike	90 620	99 089	8 976	8 768	8 535	7 957	9 827	8 504	7 619	8 049	9 935	9 887			
Randolph	57 856	58 765	4 627	4 713	4 679	4 653	5 638	5 228	4 346	4 428	4 536	4 673			
Russell	121 339	122 990	9 796	9 564	10 370	9 852	11 919	9 159	8 625	9 295	11 198	10 959			
St. Clair	121 064	137 179	12 695	11 281	11 082	10 748	12 002	10 698	10 842	11 334	13 575	14 173			
Shelby	253 238	275 734	24 127	22 295	22 523	23 700	25 578	22 918	21 904	21 374	26 379	24 917			
Sumter	30 863	30 555	2 398	2 342	2 464	2 729	3 027	2 395	2 096	2 323	2 607	2 563			
Talladega	239 617	257 685	22 245	21 594	20 856	20 621	25 075	20 229	18 839	18 034	23 138	26 274			
Tallapoosa	127 374	133 242	12 044	10 896	10 688	11 389	12 630	10 377	10 695	10 275	12 519	13 030			
Tuscaloosa	631 255	674 640	59 531	56 543	55 957	56 662	67 990	55 207	50 901	50 129	60 016	57 496			
Walker	291 301	326 243	29 231	27 283	26 637	27 686	30 790	25 367	25 144	23 009	29 615	30 217			
Washington	21 658	20 665	1 692	1 978	1 645	1 622	1 556	1 642	1 529	1 240	1 693	1 856			
Wilcox	27 993	25 902	2 274	2 013	1 985	2 183	2 319	2 070	1 834	1 784	2 061	2 097			
Winston	71 276	80 203	7 307	6 868	6 801	7 040	7 560	6 217	5 623	6 121	8 906	9 795			
Statewide[11]	971 276	1 074 377	93 320	89 725	92 867	96 731	130 325	85 214	79 753	88 871	105 118	119 835			

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index". The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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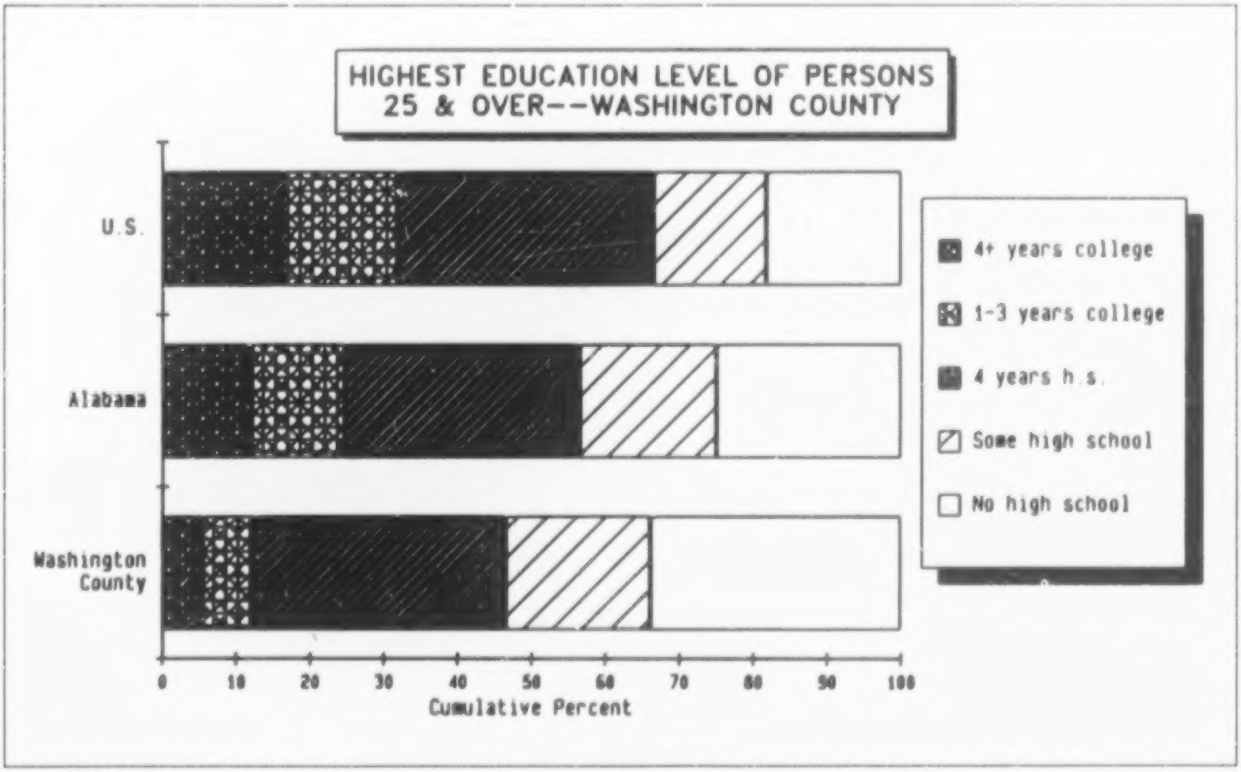
and the open spaces of Washington County and its rural neighbors, the area offers a high quality of life. All in all, Washington County should continue to be a prime candidate for industry location for years to come.

However, before Washington County can move beyond merely being a "site" for outward-looking industrial development—before Washington County can really distinguish itself on the merits of its people and their accomplishments—much work must still be done. Beyond the big plants, and beyond the promise of further development, there lies the reality faced by almost every rural county in the state. Relative to the state and the nation, the level of educational achievement is low. In 1980, as the chart shows, less than half of all persons age 25 or over in Washington County had a high school diploma. Poverty is common in the county, striking 23.5 percent of the population in 1979, including 37.3 percent of the county's black population and 45 percent of the county's persons age 65 and over. As with other rural counties, promise lies with the young. In 1984, of all persons age 16 to 19, 84.7 percent either had their diploma or were still in school. Unlike many other rural counties, however, Washington County need not watch helplessly while the brightest and most highly motivated of its new workers flock to better opportunities elsewhere. The hope of new jobs from local industrial development may encourage more young people to stay on in Washington County. With continued hard work and careful exploitation of her advantages, Washington County can become that rare thing in Alabama—a rural success.

—Edward Rigdon



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The Economy in Perspective:

Focus on Washington County

Washington County, Alabama, is located on the southwestern edge of the state. It is bordered on the west by the Mississippi state line and on the north by Choctaw County. On the east, Washington County faces Clarke County across the Tombigbee River, while to the south lies Mobile County. The land is typical of the coastal plain—fertile and mostly level. Although it is a rural county (one of the 49 Alabama counties with no urban population), it enjoys remarkably easy access by highway and waterway.

Washington is the oldest county in Alabama. It was established in 1800 (19 years before Alabama's admission to the Union) by proclamation of the governor of the Mississippi Territory. In original extent, Washington County stretched from the Chattahoochee River (then the eastern boundary of the territory, now the eastern boundary of Alabama) to the Pearl River (which now links Jackson, Miss. to the Gulf Coast), and from latitude 31 degrees north (the boundary between Alabama and Florida) to latitude 32 degrees 28 minutes north. The 300 by 88 mile county, which included the current sites of Dothan; Phenix City; Montgomery; Selma, Demopolis; Meridian, Miss.; Jackson, Miss.; and Hattiesburg, Miss., was larger than nine modern American states. Over time, as the settler population grew, the mammoth county was broken into smaller pieces; eventually, 45 counties (16 in Mississippi and 29 in Alabama) were formed from it in whole or in part.

The territory of the modern Washington County (still the sixth largest county in the state) figured large in the early history of the region. In 1807 Aaron Burr, ex-Vice President of the United States, who was accused of conspiracy against the Government and rumored to have plans for the establishment of an empire in the West, was arrested by federal troops, according to Marie Bankhead Owens in *Our State—Alabama*, "...about five miles west of McIntosh's Bluff..." [in Washington County]. In 1817 old St. Stephens became the capital of the Alabama Territory, which was created when Mississippi achieved statehood. (A boulder marks the now-abandoned site.)

Washington County's relatively large size (1,050 square miles) and relatively small population (16,821 in 1980—15th smallest) combine to give Washington County the lowest population density of any county in the state (15.6 persons per square mile). The county's population had been rather stable, at least since 1930, but new opportunities in the county have been accompanied by slow growth. The largest town is the county seat, Chatom (1984 population—1,122). While Washington County also includes Millry (956) and McIntosh (319), about 86 percent of the county's population is rural, although only four to eight percent live on farms.

The economic life of Washington County is dominated by two factors—Mobile County and the McIntosh chemical plants. Even before the coming of settlers the areas of Washington County and Mobile County were linked. Two Choctaw-speaking tribes in the northern area had a confederacy with Mobilian Indians to the south. Later, these tribes traded corn with the French colonists of Mobile and Biloxi. Today the two counties trade many things, including workers. In 1980, 915 persons who lived in Mobile County reported work destinations in Washington County, while 780 Washington County workers (15 percent of those reporting) found employment in Mobile County. Washington County's chemical products make heavy use of Mobile's port facilities—in 1984 the leading import through the facility was chemical raw materials.

The chemical plants themselves are a powerful force in Washington County. Two large facilities, located in McIntosh, together employ more than 1,500 people. Because of these plants the little town of McIntosh is one of the more prosperous communities in the state, enjoying a 1983 per capita income of $9,863, 30 percent higher than the state average and four percent higher than the national average. For the county as a whole, 1983 per capita income was only $5,900, 22 percent below the state average but fairly typical of Alabama's rural counties. Aside from the two large plants, employers include a manufacturer of foul-weather gear and "ballistic undergarments," and the usual set of forest-products companies, but they are all dwarfed by the big plants.

The location of those operations in Washington County may seem like an anomaly, but a little study shows that the location has many advantages. Washington County's low population density and the absence of large-scale farming activities mean land is relatively cheap and plentiful. Convenient connections to the interstate highway system, the highly commercial Tombigbee River (now a part of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway), and Mobile's port facilities combine to make the rural location highly accessible for industrial activity. The labor resources and educational facilities of Mobile County mean that management and planning need not be hampered by local shortages of skilled workers. With Mobile at hand, along with the Gulf of Mexico

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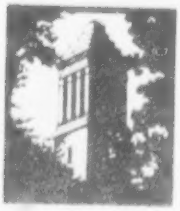

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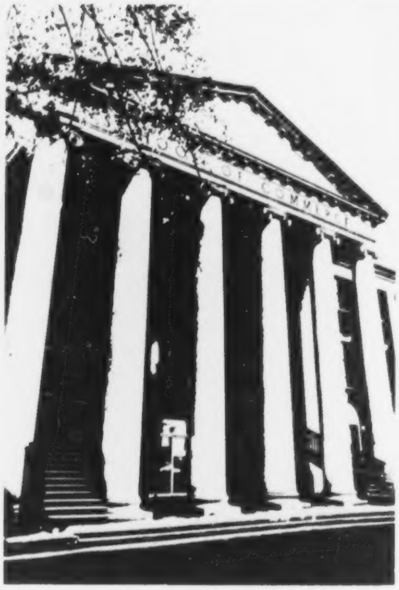

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Dear Readers:

You are now looking at the "New" *Alabama Business*. We recently decided to update our look.

Alabama Business will be published six times a year, every other month. Beginning in February you will receive the *Alabama Business* data sheet which will consist exclusively of the data tables which you are accustomed to seeing in *Alabama Business* issues.

As always we appreciate your suggestions, criticisms, questions and requests.

ALABAMA LIVESTOCK UPDATE

Joe Hester and Beth Gibbs

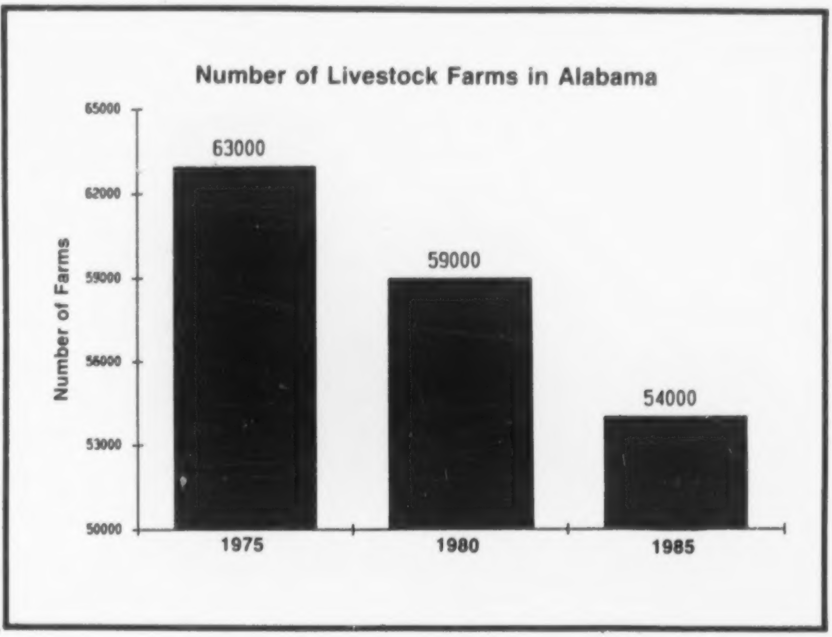
Total livestock production in Alabama has decreased over the last 10 years. The total number of livestock farms in the state has fallen from 63,000 in 1975 to 54,000 in 1985 with a reduction of 2.2 million acres. The most significant decreases percentage-wise have been seen in dairy farms and swine operations. In real dollars, income from livestock sales in the state dropped by seven percent between 1975 and 1985.

Poultry
Poultry is the largest income producing livestock commodity in the state. It is the second largest income production agricultural commodity, following timber in cash receipts. Broiler production accounted for over $686.8 million and egg production accounted for $201 million in 1984.

Alabama ranks third in the nation in broiler production. Unlike other livestock enterprises poultry production has increased over the last 10 years. Broiler production has increased from 396 million birds in 1975 to 562 million in 1985.

Egg production increased from 1975 through 1980 when it reached a peak of 354 million eggs. Since 1980 there has been a slight decrease in production with a total of 274 million eggs produced in 1985. The state now ranks ninth in egg production.

Cattle
The state's second largest income producing livestock commodity is beef cattle. In 1976 the number of beef cattle in Alabama on hand reached an all time high at 1.5 million head that were of breeding age. Cattle numbers across the U.S. were at an all time high during this same period.



The oversupply of cattle created a depressed market situation during the mid-1970s. Average dollar price per head in 1976 was $125. From 1976 to 1980 there was a steady decline in cattle numbers. By 1980 the total number of cows and heifers on hand had been reduced by one-third and prices had increased by almost 300 percent.

Since 1980 cattle numbers have remained fairly constant with an average dollar value of around $300 per head. Alabama ranks 14th in the nation in regard to brood cow numbers. In 1985 the cow-calf industry in Alabama totaled $318 million.

Dairy production has seen the most dramatic decrease in farm numbers since 1975. By 1985 only 2,000 dairy farms were left in the state. During the same 10 year period dairy cattle numbers dropped from 91,000 to 49,000 total head. From 1975 to 1985 there was a 70 percent reduction in the number of dairy farms.

In 1986 there was another 25 percent reduction in the existing number of dairy farms due to the Federal Buy Out Program enacted by Congress in April of 1986. A total of over 12,000 head of milk cows were sold for slaughter through this program.

There are now around 37,000 head of dairy cattle left in the state. Alabama is a milk deficit state, importing 52 percent of the milk utilized within the state. This problem has been greatly compounded by the drastic reduction in cattle numbers and production amounts in recent years.

Hogs
The hog industry has also seen a drastic loss in production over the last 10 years. The number of farms has decreased over 50 percent since 1975, leaving 11,000 farms now in operation. During this same period the number of breeding hogs decreased from 123,000 hogs to 50,000 hogs at the present time.

In 1979 hog numbers reached an all time high at 880 thousand total head. Since then, that number has decreased to 360 thousand head. In 1979 the average price received was at its lowest point at 37 cents per pound. In 1982 hog farmers saw one of their best years ever in regards to prices received, averaging 53 cents per pound. Since 1982 prices have averaged in the mid-40 cent range.

1986 has proven to be another good year for hog farmers. During the second and third quarters of 1986 producers saw prices increase from 50 cents up to 64 cents per pound in August. Profits seen by producers have been enhanced by relatively low grain prices. Producers hope this trend will continue throughout the final quarter of 1986.

Conclusion
Unlike poultry production, other livestock endeavors are privately owned and operated by the individual farmer and his family. The loss of 9,000 family farms and over 2 million acres of farmland involved in livestock production over the last 10 years is a harsh reality. Couple this fact with the loss of row crop production and the figures prove that times have been rough for the average Alabama farmer and his family.

CBER forecasts that farming's contribution to Alabama's total economy will remain almost stable for the remainder of the decade. If this trend continues, the future for many Alabama farm families looks bleak. Due to present trends, economic conditions, and extreme drought in some areas of the state, many livestock producers are being forced out of business at the present time. Hopefully, producers look for better times, but realistically such times do not appear to be in the near future. □

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SOUTH GAINS THROUGH NET MIGRATION

The South was the only region to gain more residents than it lost through U.S. migration in 1983-84, according to a report released today by the Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census.

The South at least temporarily replaces the West as the region drawing the largest number of internal migrants. Most of the gain came from the Midwest, whose loss of some 624,000 people to the South marked the nation's largest flow of movers.

There were 39.4 million movers in 1983-84, two million more than the year before and roughly equal to the previous high of 38.8 million in 1964-65. The rate of movement rose from 16.6 percent, reversing a decline in the 1970s.

The report shows that the number of persons participating in any type of move from 1983-84 increased among those 30-44 (from 7.6 million to 8.5 million), among whites (31.1 million to 33.1 million), those in the civilian labor force (from 17.1 million to 19.2 million), those with a high school education (from 25.6 million to 27.6 million), and those residing in the South (from 13.8 million to 14.7 million).

The number of unemployed who moved decreased from 3.2 million to 2.4 million, although their rate of movement remained unchanged at about 26.4 percent.

Alabama may not be welcoming as many out-of-staters as its sister Southern states. Estimates for 1985 show a great many Alabama counties which had more people moving out than moving in. These counties count on more people to be born there than to die in order to maintain population.

The counties that are attracting newcomers are scattered around the state. The counties which had the most immigrants from abroad were Madison, Jefferson, Mobile, and Montgomery. This is not surprising as those counties have large cities and big employers.

Notable counties which drew migrants from other states, or perhaps other counties in Alabama, included Baldwin, Shelby and Limestone. In 1985 Alabama gained 9,700 new people from out of the state and out of the country. □

THE ECONOMY IN PERSPECTIVE: CHAMBERS COUNTY

Annette Jones Watters

Chambers County is a quiet county on the Georgia border. It is a county of small towns and several well-defined but unincorporated communities. Lafayette (population 3,566) is the county seat, but Valley (population 9,157) is the largest town. Chambers County's total population has been declining since 1940, and is projected to continue to lose ever so slowly more and more of its people. Currently, 40,000 people live there.

This is a county which has staked its economic health on the textile industry. West Point Pepperell is by far the largest employer in the county with plants in several places within the county.

Wages in the textile industry are low and future employment opportunities are uncertain. This year textile workers are earning only 78 percent of the average manufacturing wage in Alabama and that ratio is not expected to improve during the rest of the decade. New employment opportunities in the textile industry are also expected to be very slow in the coming years.

What does this mean for Chambers County? It may mean the brightest and most ambitious of its native young people will move away.

Another hard reality Chambers Countians have to face is the educational attainment of its population—31 percent of its adults did not go beyond the eighth grade. An additional 23 percent attended but did not graduate from high school. A county which has a high rate of adult functional illiterates, graduates fewer than average high school students, and sends even fewer of them to college is a county in trouble.

Low-skill manufacturing jobs are not the wave of the future. The trend in the textile industry is going to be to retool from low to high skilled workers and to rely less on labor and more on technology. Those who have a sound educational background will be able to retrain themselves and move forward with the times. Those who can barely read and who have trouble with the arithmetic tables will not.

Since the educational attainment of the county's adults is low, it is not surprising that 50 percent of Chambers County workers are in low skilled jobs; 38 percent are in sales, technical, craft, or repair jobs; and only 12 percent are in professional or managerial jobs.

Per capita income in Chambers County is only two-thirds of the national average. Eighteen percent of the people in Chambers County live below the poverty level. Seventeen percent of all families containing children under 18 are living below the poverty level.

The county's schools are not able to provide very many extracurricular or enrichment programs for their disadvantaged students because there is very little money in either the communities or the school system to support those things.

Even with limited fiscal resources, Chambers County school teachers can do a good job. They can give students grounding in history, literature, art, and social science. A broad basic education gives students the foundation needed for meaningful lives for themselves and their community. Area business people need to be involved to strengthen in people's minds the relevance of education to the local economy.

Chambers is not the only Alabama county with an educational and economic problem. In fact, rural counties all over the South face similar circumstances. The manufacturing economy of the rural South is almost exclusively tied to traditional industries--most notably textiles and apparel. These counties need to broaden their working definition of economic development.

Over time the term economic development has become virtually synonymous with industrial recruitment. Today, however, economic trends are decreasing the value of recruitment, especially for rural communities.

At the same time, promising alternative strategies for economic development are not being widely utilized. The South must reduce its emphasis on the hunt for outside industry and begin to plant the seeds for local business development.

Chambers Countians who love their homeplace have a long way to travel to reach the top, but they can help themselves. There are examples of other success stories and turned-around economies.

Chambers County young people should stay in school; older people should encourage them and should support the school system to be able to produce educated graduates who can compete anywhere. And Chambers County business and community leaders should aspire to keep those educated young people at home by offering them jobs with a future.

Somehow, Chambers County must decide where to spend the money it has today in order to prevent higher, harder costs tomorrow. □

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CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK

One out of four children born in Alabama in 1985 was born out of wedlock according to statistics recently released by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Among whites this number was one out of 12 while the number among other races was one out of two.

Over 90 percent of children born to women under age 15 were born out of wedlock. Women in the 20 to 29 year old age group had the largest total number of children born out of wedlock.

Statistics such as these can be found in *Alabama's Vital Events for 1985* published by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, in Montgomery. ☐

	Number of Women Who Gave Birth			Percent of total born out of wedlock
Race and Age	**Total**	**Out of Number**	**Wedlock Percent**	
All Races				
Under 15	298	273	1.8	9.16
15-19	10,391	5,651	37.9	54.4
20-29	37,550	7,637	51.4	20.3
30-39	11,049	1,246	8.4	11.3
40 +	360	64	.4	17.8
Not Stated	15	5	.1	33.3
Total	59,663	14,876	100.0	24.9
White				
Under 15	71	47	1.5	66.2
15-19	5,554	1,327	42.4	23.9
20-29	25,529	1,503	42.4	23.9
30-39	7,667	243	48.0	5.9
40 +	218	13	.4	5.9
Not Stated	3	-	-	-
Total	39,042	3,133	100.0	8.0
Other				
Under 15	227	226	1.9	99.6
15-19	4,837	4,324	36.9	89.4
20-29	12,021	6,134	52.2	51.0
30-39	3,382	1,003	8.6	29.7
40 +	142	51	.4	35.9
Not stated	12	5	-	41.6
Total	20,621	11,743	100.0	56.9

AVERAGE INCOME

Ohio, New Jersey and several other states have average incomes above the national average, but, more importantly, the distribution of income in these states is closer to equal than the national norm, according to Dr. Paul Thistle, assistant professor of economics at The University of Alabama.

That means these states' average income includes a large middle income population earning close to the average. Theoretically, an individual's chances of earning a reasonable income are greater in these states than in a state with significant rich and poor populations and fewer people in the middle income range.

Dr. Thistle and graduate students John Bishop and Kewn Chow analyzed income distribution by state based on 1980 census figures. They compared those figures with income distribution nationally to come to their conclusions.

The researchers found a strong relationship between the level of income and the equality of distribution among the states. In general, high average income correlates with more equal distribution of income. Complete equality of income would mean that everyone had the same income. The researchers looked for deviations from complete equality and analyzed the figures using new statistical techniques.

Alabama was one of the states classified as less equal than the national norm. All the states that border Alabama were also in this category. In fact, 12 of the 16 Southern states (as defined by the Census Bureau) were classified as less equal.

The next step in Dr. Thistle's research is to determine why the distribution of income varies greatly between states. That information could prove valuable in making social policy decisions. ☐

NEWS BRIEFS

America's Progress

Americans have increased their standard of living on average by about 20 percent each decade since 1940, a profile released by The Conference Board and Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census shows.

The profile says the amount of goods and services consumed by the average American has doubled since 1950—spurred by worker productivity that also doubled.

The profile, entitled *How We Live: Then and Now*, briefly traces change over much of this century regarding people, places, the family, housing, health, education, work, women, blacks, the elderly, poverty, income and assets, living standards, and leisure.

Here are other trends from the profile:

- The number of Americans earning a paycheck has risen 50 percent in the last two decades, twice as fast as the population, and three out of five working-age women now earn one.

- The real net worth of U.S. households has tripled since 1950, and average family income has risen to about $33,000 from $17,125 (in 1985 dollars).

- One-quarter of U.S. homes have been built during the last 15 years: more than two out of five Americans change their residence within a five-year period.

- Americans are spending almost five times the amount per person for recreation (eliminating inflation) than in the 1920s.

- More than 40 percent of households own at least two automobiles, up from 15 percent 25 years ago.

- Four times as many people travel overseas each year (some 12 million) as did in the early 1960s.

- Black men working full time earn 30 percent less than white men, a gap that has narrowed from nearly 50 percent in the early 1950s; the earnings gap between black and white women has narrowed even more.

- The number of single women with children has doubled over the past 15 years, making poverty an increasingly stubborn problem; but today only 12 percent of the elderly are poor compared with one-third back in 1960.

- Total college enrollment has doubled over the past two decades, while among blacks it has tripled.

- Today, only 15 percent of men aged 65 and over still work compared with about 40 percent in 1940 and nearly 60 percent at the turn of the century; householders in this age bracket account for 40 percent of all personal financial assets.

The Conference Board is a not-for-profit business information service. *How We Live: Then and Now* is available from the Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington D.C. 20233 or from The Conference Board, 845 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. ☐

$22 Billion Paid in Benefits

State and local government retirement systems paid $22 billion in benefits in fiscal year 1984-85, up to 11 percent in one year, according to a report issued by the Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census.

Other payments included $2.2 billion in withdrawals, chiefly to employees who left the system before retirement, and $502 million in administrative costs and related expenditures.

Some 11.8 million active employees participated in the government-administered retirement systems, a slight increase from the prior year. Membership in public employment retirement systems by state ranged from over 1.2 million in California (one system had over 500,000 members) to about 20,000 in Vermont.

The average monthly payment per retiree of local government systems continued to be larger than that paid to retired state employees: $634 compared with $475.

State and local system assets totaled $373.9 billion at the end of fiscal year 1985, up $49.6 billion or 15.3 percent over fiscal year 1984. Revenues were $71.8 billion, $9.7 billion higher than the previous year.

Retirement system investments in government securities totaled $109.2 billion compared with $88 billion in 1983-84. Federal securities holdings amounted to $107.9 billion, and state and local holdings were $1.3 billion.

Investment in nongovernment securities totaled $247.4 billion and made up about 66 percent of total assets at the end of fiscal 1985, compared with about 69 percent in 1983-84.

State and local government retirement system investment in real property totaled 3.8 billion, of which 89 percent, or $3.4 billion was held by state-administered systems.

Copies of the report, *Finances of Employee-Retirement Systems of State and Local Governments in 1984-85*, GF 85, No. 2, are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. ☐

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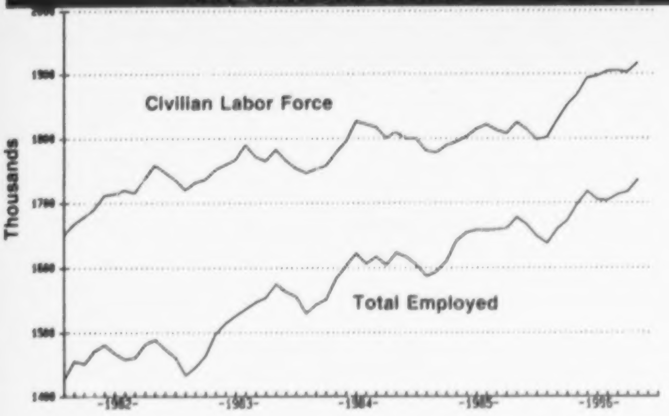

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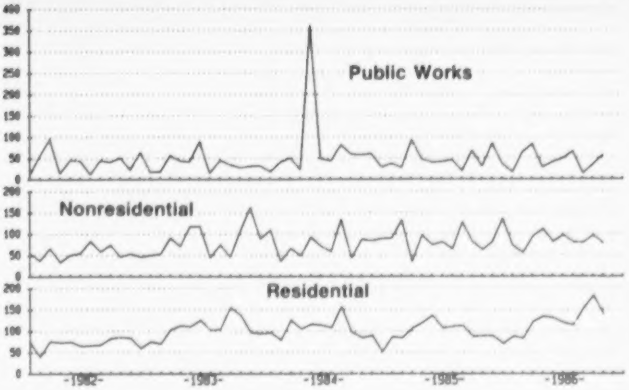

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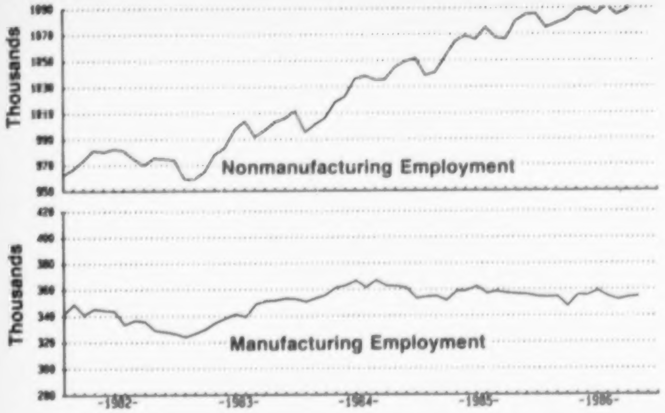

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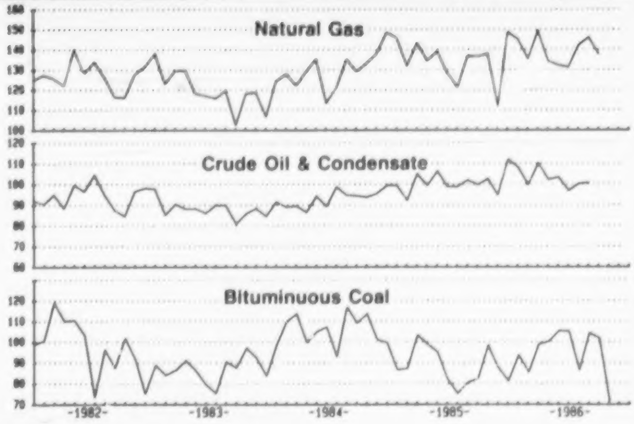

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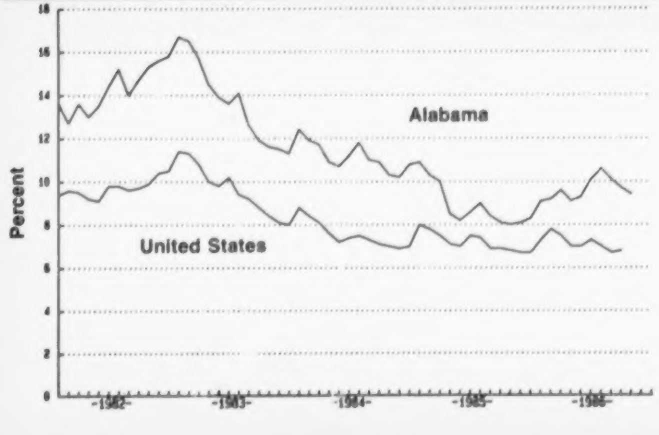

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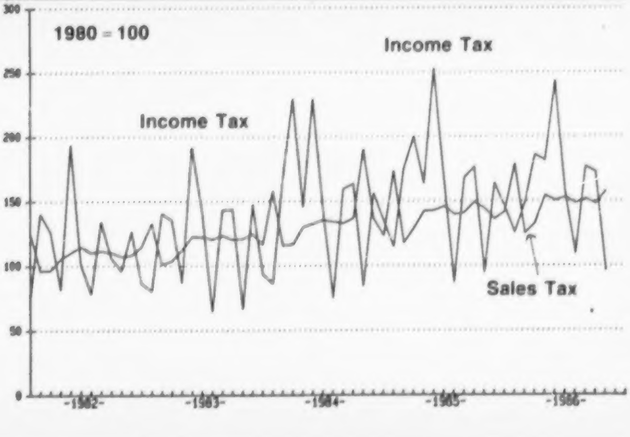

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985				1986								
	1984	1985	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	28,068	23,421	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,179	142,268	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	38,786
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,470	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,247	23,537	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	492	547	518	511	550	509	558	556	548	541	523	526	496
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,890,800	273,400	188,800	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300
Residential	1,232,400	1,232,400	115,700	92,600	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100
Nonresidential	920,000	1,079,300	89,800	66,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200
Public works and utilities	873,100	579,200	67,800	29,800	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	122	121	116	85	102	93	123	131	117	124	121	119	117
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,547	6,287	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,842	2,772,554	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326
Franchise	64,477	69,838	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045
Income	1,009,832	1,084,829	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971
Motor fuels	50,278	51,921	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531
Oil/gas privilege	70,182	64,950	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,600	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737	827
Sales	704,299	730,389	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358
2.2% Gross receipts	54,766	54,972	0	13,922	84	0	13,957	1	1	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0
TVA electric	36,733	42,844	4,346	0	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191
Tobacco	70,023	72,774	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082
Use	75,724	79,253	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727
Utility	151,260	156,209	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327	328.0	328.6	330.2
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	3	3	3	2	3	0.3	0.5	0.2	3	5	0	2	5
Food	302.9	309.8	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2
Housing	336.5	349.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1
Transportation	311.7	319.9	319.7	320.9	323.2	314.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2
Medical care	379.5	403.1	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7
Energy	423.6	426.5	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.7	297.2	297.7
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.1	323.8	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.7	308.8
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	321	310	308	307	306	305	305	305	307	307	306	305	305	304	303
Wholesale prices	322	324	327	325	323	322	324	329	333	336	334	335	336	336	336
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0	1,893.5	1,896.8	1,904.1	1,905.3	1,902.2
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5	175.5	192.3	200.9	192.5	184.9
Unemployment rate	11.2	8.9	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.3	10.1	10.6	10.1	9.7
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5	1,718.0	1,704.5	1,703.2	1,712.8	1,717.3
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,426.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5	1,443.9	1,446.5	1,436.6	1,442.1
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3	358.8	354.4	351.8	353.7
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	174.3	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7	174.5	175.9	175.6	176.6	176.1	171.5	171.2
Lumber and wood products	29.6	29.2	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1	28.6	29.0	28.6	29.2	28.9	28.9	28.9
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6	25.5	25.2	24.1	23.8
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9	5.6
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.5
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1	22.4	22.6	22.1	22.6
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.2
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	22.8	22.1	22.1
Transportation	25.4	26.6	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.7	28.4	25.8	25.9
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9	19.0	18.9	19.2	18.7	18.9	18.6
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7	182.2	178.3	180.3	182.5
Food	28.0	28.9	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.8	30.2
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8	37.6	37.3	37.8	37.5
Apparel	55.6	52.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9	50.6	51.7	50.7	51.5	51.4
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0	21.5	19.2	19.3	21.4
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.3
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.6	16.8	16.8	17.0	17.1
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2	1,085.1	1,092.1	1,084.8	1,088.4
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.0	12.0	11.7
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7	72.2	74.4	74.5	73.5
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4	71.0	72.2	72.1	71.5
Trade	291.3	303.2	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3	312.8	316.2	317.3	318.2
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8	76.3	77.4	77.0	77.1
Retail	217.6	227.1	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5	236.5	238.8	240.3	241.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9	69.7	70.4	70.4	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3	247.3	247.7	247.1	249.1
Government	293.4	297.3	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2	299.9	299.2	291.4	294.2
Federal	64.9	65.2	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8	64.0	64.3	64.6	64.7	64.5
State and local	228.4	232.1	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2	235.6	234.6	226.7	229.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985				1986								
	1984	1985	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT Cont.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409	18,856	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,648	6,392	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573	32,598	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,910	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497	15,660	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,673	15,257	15,340	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170	15,290	15,260	15,590	15,620	15,740	15,650	15,660
	9.6	8.7	9.0	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	5.9	6.9	7.9	8.7	7.6	8.2
Baldwin	35,529	37,577	37,280	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070	38,400	38,650	39,170	39,080	39,670	39,140	38,630
	10.9	7.7	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.6	9.5	8.1	8.2
Barbour	12,220	11,513	11,780	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340	11,620	11,640	11,880	11,860	11,840	12,030	12,250
	10.5	10.5	9.6	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.1	9.3	9.1	10.2	10.1	9.4	9.7	10.7
Bibb	6,238	6,880	6,640	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990	6,960	7,060	7,250	7,500	7,460	7,460	7,470
	16.6	12.4	13.5	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8	11.8	13.8	12.8	12.8	11.6	11.6	11.4
Blount	16,767	17,227	17,160	17,250	17,280	17,180	17,220	17,680	18,660	18,080	18,380	18,470	18,360	18,380	18,400
	11.0	6.9	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6	10.8	6.9	7.9	8.4	8.0	8.1	7.9
Bullock	4,522	3,678	3,770	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590	3,600	3,630	3,960	3,840	4,030	3,970	3,930
	14.5	16.4	14.6	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2	15.9	14.6	20.0	17.2	20.0	19.0	16.5
Butler	9,798	9,076	9,080	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830	9,000	9,320	9,460	9,530	9,170	9,500	9,420
	13.8	12.3	10.0	15.5	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6	10.4	11.4	11.1	15.2	11.9	11.6	11.4
Calhoun	47,501	49,983	49,980	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520	50,780	51,410	51,760	52,270	52,650	52,560	52,760
	11.3	8.9	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.4	10.1	10.4	9.710.0	
Chambers	16,508	16,933	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,160	17,240	17,360	17,540	17,460	17,950	17,640	17,450
	9.3	8.8	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.1	8.0	8.9	12.2	9.4	9.1
Cherokee	11,663	7,963	7,900	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,610	7,670	7,700	7,880	8,190	8,070	7,950	8,040	8,020
	14.1	14.7	12.0	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2	22.0	13.9	12.6	13.3	12.6	11.0	10.1
Chilton	16,185	15,129	15,210	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350	15,420	15,690	15,990	16,000	16,070	16,[illegible]	[illegible]
	11.3	10.3	8.5	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.6	9.3	9.9
Choctaw	5,797	6,541	6,470	6,550	6,660	6,580	6,[illegible]	6,610	6,910	7,000	7,090	7,260	7,400	7,200	7,180
	16.2	14.6	13.5	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4	19.7	16.0	16.3	17.9	18.8	15.3	13.7
Clarke	10,628	11,044	10,960	11,210	10,870	11,010	11,100	11,150	11,220	11,320	11,380	11,410	11,450	11,490	11,400
	14.3	9.9	7.8	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	15.7	11.0	10.4	11.0	10.6	9.9	9.9
Clay	7,574	6,397	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270	6,570	6,790	6,690	6,540	6,440	6,540	6,430
	10.9	11.1	10.3	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7	20.1	23.4	24.2	12.0	11.6	11.9	13.0
Cleburne	5,251	5,766	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,680	5,660	5,650	5,600	5,910	6,010	5,940	5,920	6,100	6,150
	10.2	9.1	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4	10.2	7.8	6.7	6.9	7.5	9.1	14.8
Coffee	20,212	17,034	17,180	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220	17,450	17,510	17,910	17,650	17,320	17,780	17,770
	8.4	7.2	6.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.7	8.4	8.3	7.8	9.3
Colbert	23,913	24,545	24,630	24,490	24,210	23,960	24,110	24,470	24,540	25,050	25,220	25,260	25,550	25,520	25,540
	16.4	13.1	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1	11.9	12.8	12.2	13.8	14.9	14.1	14.0
Conecuh	7,214	6,309	6,200	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480	6,800	6,690	6,820	6,750	6,320	6,460	6,460
	11.7	10.8	9.6	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9	17.3	14.5	14.1	15.2	12.5	15.2	15.1
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,740	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850	4,920	4,770	4,840	4,780	4,770	4,850	4,940
	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3	6.8	8.3	8.8	10.1	8.7	8.1	7.3
Covington	16,368	17,128	16,990	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940	17,020	17,310	17,700	17,480	17,580	17,530	17,850
	9.9	9.7	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.1	10.4
Crenshaw	7,456	6,104	6,110	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,680	6,050	6,000	6,240	6,050	6,060	6,140	6,200
	11.0	9.1	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.4	13.7	8.0	7.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	7.8
Cullman	29,543	30,433	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400	30,670	30,800	31,540	31,360	31,390	31,420	31,950
	11.5	9.6	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.3	9.4	9.6	9.1	9.0
Dale	22,733	19,531	19,490	19,750	19,590	19,380	19,500	19,910	20,150	20,450	20,750	20,730	20,820	20,870	21,040
	7.6	7.4	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.9	8.3	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.4	8.3
Dallas	23,135	22,316	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530	22,790	22,880	23,410	23,510	23,540	23,520	23,380
	15.7	15.0	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7	15.0	14.7	15.3	17.1	16.2	15.6	15.1
DeKalb	30,829	27,461	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350	27,880	27,970	28,810	29,020	29,440	29,680	29,650
	10.8	10.4	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	9.0	9.1	10.1	10.5	9.6	9.6
Elmore	20,767	20,784	20,640	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870	21,090	21,180	21,560	21,400	21,380	21,420	21,220
	7.7	7.3	6.4	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.2
Escambia	18,103	16,738	17,000	16,[illegible]	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920	17,120	17,290	17,610	17,430	17,490	17,610	17,420
	12.1	9.9	9.9	[illegible]	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	14.0	11.2	11.2	11.6	11.3	10.1	10.0
Etowah	42,608	42,225	42,670	12,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060	43,680	43,660	44,480	44,[illegible]	44,570	44,220	43,750
	13.5	10.3	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8	16.3	12.9	14.3	13.1	13.7	12.0	11.5
Fayette	10,438	8,229	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140	8,160	8,200	8,210	8,060	8,020	8,160	8,200
	9.5	14.3	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9	13.5	14.2	12.9	13.1	13.8	13.5	13.8
Franklin	14,823	15,046	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950	14,970	15,110	15,000	15,200	15,540	15,470	15,020
	18.6	13.7	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9	14.2	12.7	11.5	13.2	16.6	13.9	12.6
Geneva	11,740	10,714	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740	11,040	11,020	11,380	11,170	11,240	11,140	11,260
	8.2	9.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.7	10.0	8.2	8.4
Greene	4,763	3,841	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,760	3,950	3,810	3,890	3,870	3,940	3,990	4,030
	17.1	17.6	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0	17.2	13.8	13.4	15.1	15.2	14.8	14.6
Hale	5,480	5,891	5,910	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800	5,900	5,980	6,280	6,230	6,230	6,3[illegible]	6,360
	17.1	11.3	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.6	11.0	9.8	[illegible]	9.5
Henry	7,294	6,748	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790	6,840	6,780	6,890	6,820	6,740	6,780	7,030
	9.4	10.6	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.4	8.6	9.5	10.0	8.7	9.0
Houston	36,547	33,718	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,[illegible]	34,750	35,470	35,730	35,480	36,040	35,900	36,190
	9.0	8.4	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	8.8	9.7	8.9	9.4	10.4	9.1	9.0
Jackson	19,785	20,483	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700	20,800	20,590	20,950	21,130	21,120	21,150	21,320
	16.8	12.3	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	12.7	12.4	14.7	15.4	13.9	13.0
Jefferson	303,502	312,343	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270	322,760	327,950	330,520	332,560	335,200	336,870	337,020
	9.8	6.9	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.8	8.5	9.1	8.8
Lamar	9,346	8,808	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760	8,830	8,900	9,010	9,020	9,220	9,010	9,130
	7.3	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.4	11.4	9.5	10.4
Lauderdale	35,599	36,158	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,670	36,560	36,680	36,840	37,510	37,740	37,340	37,300	37,420
	14.8	10.9	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.0	10.9	10.4	10.7	12.8	12.0	11.1	11.2
Lawrence	13,445	12,636	12,870	13,130	12,740	12,420	12,450	12,590	12,720	12,730	13,050	12,980	13,080	13,450	13,100
	15.1	12.7	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2	15.0	14.2	14.0	12.4	13.5	13.9	15.4	12.7
Lee	38,473	37,752	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,300	38,180	38,240	38,460	38,660	38,000	38,130	37,580	37,390
	6.6	7.0	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3	8.6	7.0	6.9	6.9	8.2	9.9	7.7	8.1
Limestone	20,225	27,043	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,300	28,700	29,070	29,410	29,860	29,590	29,540	29,440	30,120
	10.8	7.1	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3	9.2	9.2	8.4	8.4	9.2	9.5	11.4	7.6
Lowndes	5,096	4,636	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,360	4,420	4,530	4,540	4,660	4,700	4,800	4,960	5,010
	18.3	14.1	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5	12.1	12.3	13.7	14.2	18.0	17.1	17.9	15.6
Macon	8,147	10,453	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,340	10,420	10,490	10,590	10,800	10,560	10,720	10,680	10,570
	11.1	8.5	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.1	9.1	10.2	10.1	9.4	8.4
Madison	117,779	117,762	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,030	120,730	122,630	123,790	125,440	127,470	126,890	126,560	127,180
	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	6.4	7.9	7.7	8.1	7.7
Marengo	9,722	9,934	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,600	9,750	10,140	9,960	10,110	10,120	10,300	10,180	10,080
	14.2	10.6	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.2	10.0	9.7	15.5	10.2	9.7	10.6	13.6	10.4	9.5
Marion	13,584	15,278	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,560	15,550	15,640	15,810	16,040	16,030	16,440	16,310	16,270
	14.9	13.8	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.9	11.8	12.9	16.7	14.7	14.8
Marshall	33,047	35,615	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	35,960	36,110	37,050	36,980	37,500	37,870	38,190	37,440	37,600
	12.6	8.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7	10.1	16.3	10.2	10.4	12.0	14.2	11.1	10.6
Mobile	164,727	166,738	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200	171,160	172,670	175,480	176,290	176,720	176,820	174,160
	12.7	9.4	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.7	11.7	11.5	11.3	11.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985				1986								
	1984	1985	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT Cont															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* continued															
Monroe	11,138	9,085	9,080	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,920	8,970	10,200	9,300	9,330	9,190	9,280	9,510	9,510
	15.9	13.5	10.0	10.2	11.5	12.7	12.8	12.0	27.8	13.7	11.7	11.5	10.9	10.1	9.4
Montgomery	96,607	91,901	91,700	92,910	92,390	91,850	91,340	93,020	93,800	94,610	96,370	96,130	96,050	96,040	95,560
	8.8	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.7	7.0	7.8	8.3	8.3	7.8	7.8
Morgan	38,872	43,368	43,250	43,890	43,580	43,290	43,710	44,010	44,620	45,070	45,620	46,080	46,220	46,640	45,540
	11.5	8.1	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.3	9.6	9.5	9.1	8.7	10.1	10.8	11.9	9.9
Perry	5,820	5,336	5,430	5,490	5,410	5,260	5,170	5,110	5,250	5,230	5,500	5,390	5,450	5,530	5,490
	13.3	13.2	11.2	10.7	14.4	18.7	14.5	9.1	11.0	9.6	11.7	12.3	12.7	12.9	10.7
Pickens	7,085	6,965	7,100	7,250	7,080	6,770	6,730	6,900	6,950	7,070	7,420	7,230	7,350	7,540	7,580
	15.9	15.2	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.5	14.4	14.1	14.3	14.3	15.0	15.7	16.6	14.3
Pike	13,562	11,773	11,890	12,350	12,110	11,300	11,780	11,970	12,090	12,160	12,460	12,400	12,200	12,320	12,460
	10.1	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.0	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.7	8.0	8.9	9.9	9.8	7.8
Randolph	8,792	8,865	8,770	9,100	9,140	9,050	9,010	9,130	9,190	9,300	9,320	9,120	9,060	9,510	9,260
	14.9	9.6	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.5	6.9	7.3	7.5	11.4	10.4	10.0	12.9	10.8
Russell	19,293	20,634	20,360	20,550	20,620	20,940	20,890	20,860	21,030	21,020	21,000	21,120	21,110	21,260	21,100
	12.8	10.5	9.0	9.2	9.6	10.8	11.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	9.3	9.8	10.3	10.0	9.5
St. Clair	19,403	20,691	20,570	20,750	20,630	20,500	20,640	21,040	21,300	21,380	21,710	22,030	22,250	36,020	36,120
	11.5	8.1	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.5	7.9	7.3	8.7	7.5	8.9	9.9	6.8	6.7
Shelby	31,912	34,261	34,250	34,340	34,330	34,190	34,440	34,870	35,010	35,550	35,940	36,230	36,240	21,720	21,790
	10.3	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.9	5.5	5.9	6.4	7.2	7.3	7.8	7.7
Sumter	7,249	6,147	6,190	6,240	6,150	5,830	5,950	6,020	6,140	6,240	6,400	6,460	6,490	6,410	6,250
	11.6	13.7	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	18.3	19.3	21.4	21.1	21.1	26.3	25.5	22.8	18.4
Talladega	31,153	31,537	31,320	31,380	31,000	30,890	30,970	31,380	31,750	32,180	32,610	32,850	33,210	33,370	33,140
	15.7	13.1	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3	12.6	13.7	13.1	13.0
Tallapoosa	17,304	18,258	18,390	18,350	18,420	18,220	18,280	18,640	18,490	18,800	19,250	19,600	19,770	19,910	19,620
	9.4	8.2	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.9	7.1	6.5	7.5	8.8	9.5	8.3	7.8
Tuscaloosa	58,145	64,346	64,970	65,760	65,860	65,500	65,720	66,900	67,470	68,410	68,810	67,440	67,310	68,770	70,010
	9.6	6.8	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.8	8.6	8.4	8.3	7.6
Walker	32,554	33,097	32,790	33,110	32,880	32,870	34,980	35,650	35,880	36,370	36,440	36,990	37,030	35,410	35,100
	13.3	9.9	8.2	8.5	8.0	8.3	14.4	14.8	13.8	13.9	13.6	15.0	15.1	11.4	10.3
Washington	6,491	5,855	5,810	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990	5,910	6,100	6,050	6,160	6,270	6,260	6,010	6,060
	18.0	14.9	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2	15.6	18.8	16.8	17.1	20.0	20.8	17.1	16.6
Wilcox	5,475	4,391	4,310	4,410	4,340	4,240	4,210	4,270	4,350	4,400	4,510	4,560	4,480	4,440	4,320
	15.3	16.4	15.6	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.8	15.7	16.3	16.8	16.7	19.2	19.1	17.6	16.2
Winston	9,264	10,488	10,320	10,390	10,510	10,240	10,630	10,710	10,740	10,700	10,580	10,550	10,580	10,620	10,480
	19.6	17.1	20.4	18.4	19.5	20.7	24.1	24.1	22.9	21.3	18.4	19.0	19.1	19.2	16.8
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,985	68,740	38,823	43,648	53,389	58,252	70,563	62,021	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	1,606	652	1,056	816	984	1,427	1,232	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045		
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,948	602,564	30,612	35,786	77,169	96,664	77,115	82,535	77,691	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	1,474	1,454	1,833	2,074	2,588	2,214	1,620	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,725		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	38,792	38,242	3,372	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,284	25,020	2,515	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,990	2,608
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	149,828	160,169	150,060	162,477	159,132	142,757	163,267	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501		
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,630	3,402													
General stores with food and gas	173	258													
General merchandise	2,379	2,329													
Apparel	566	633													
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	542	679													
Automotive	3,079	3,272													
Gasoline service stations	294	262													
Lumber and building materials	888	1,153													
Hardware and farm implements	422	264													
Eating places	1,284	1,312													
Drug stores	264	266													
All other retail	2,151	1,826													
Total sales by retail concerns	15,671	15,655													
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,612	3,870													
Total all sales at retail	18,284	19,525		1,612	1,627	1,944	1,537	1,452	1,488	1,732	1,808	1,640			
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,037	542,687	47,359	44,694	45,873	54,526	42,161	40,372	43,218	48,600	51,328	47,374			
Birmingham	5,020,295	5,370,673	452,581	441,814	448,787	530,505	427,814	409,567	405,957	482,205	503,145	450,283			
Dothan	641,532	667,196	55,851	56,339	53,002	65,796	51,734	50,348	49,342	57,035	62,203	54,754			
Florence	611,592	646,707	53,681	52,180	55,162	67,179	50,157	46,804	48,900	56,223	58,295	55,580			
Gadsden	458,793	475,719	39,466	38,576	39,498	45,926	35,769	34,196	33,305	42,026	41,478	38,567			
Huntsville	1,047,074	1,163,821	98,050	95,661	97,835	116,265	92,622	86,538	86,504	98,648	103,749	96,515			
Mobile	2,079,628	2,190,909	181,169	182,387	174,925	212,359	174,153	159,202	160,455	192,771	183,651	168,867			
Montgomery	1,427,914	1,510,093	126,693	121,981	122,630	153,320	116,259	114,178	122,552	134,127	136,097	130,757			
Tuscaloosa	630,169	675,647	56,495	55,965	57,529	68,007	55,220	50,920	50,059	60,157	60,226	57,218			
Counties															
Autauga	96,681	105,946	8,397	8,823	8,140	9,762	8,804	8,116	7,516	9,192	8,989	8,542			
Baldwin	343,603	355,468	28,242	26,567	25,640	30,318	25,643	25,290	27,362	31,930	32,912	31,835			
Barbour	71,569	75,348	6,249	6,265	6,120	7,551	5,825	5,782	5,900	6,460	7,540	6,813			
Bibb	41,388	44,116	3,910	3,670	3,906	4,429	3,478	3,446	3,844	4,028	4,420	4,338			
Blount	88,957	100,666	9,030	8,528	8,727	9,208	7,991	7,113	7,528	8,305	8,808	7,928			
Bullock	26,076	25,662	2,033	2,053	2,098	2,797	2,345	2,096	2,034	1,970	1,968	2,008			
Butler	65,540	63,140	5,182	5,142	5,100	5,959	5,109	4,688	5,017	5,203	5,178	4,905			
Calhoun	507,735	542,687	47,359	44,694	45,873	54,526	42,161	40,372	43,218	48,600	51,328	47,374			
Chambers	106,969	108,833	9,042	9,006	8,963	10,255	8,642	8,420	9,443	9,969	10,190	9,272			
Cherokee	47,882	50,325	4,459	4,404	3,937	4,139	4,286	3,671	3,486	4,739	4,536	3,733			
Chilton	99,835	109,585	9,102	8,985	9,304	10,471	8,412	8,460	8,801	9,551	10,691	9,501			
Choctaw	36,627	38,886	3,154	3,318	3,296	3,695	3,239	2,740	2,804	3,048	3,115	2,700			
Clarke	98,413	107,243	8,999	8,266	8,773	10,614	8,674	7,678	8,580	9,332	8,895	8,153			
Clay	26,354	26,979	2,216	2,215	2,116	2,470	2,354	2,129	2,120	2,393	2,436	2,323			
Cleburne	22,197	23,632	2,205	1,963	1,661	1,723	1,669	1,725	1,777	1,953	2,265	1,964			
Coffee	186,084	192,026	16,661	15,289	15,740	18,537	14,984	13,955	14,933	17,196	19,939	16,272			

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985				1986								
	1984	1985	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
TRADE cont.															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties continued															
Counties continued															
Colbert	249 862	250 449	20 925	19 956	20 229	23 388	19 074	17 903	19 398	21 933	21 654	21 168			
Conecuh	37 496	36 957	2 967	2 845	3 260	3 539	2 704	2 548	2 562	2 808	2 978	2 475			
Coosa	8 919	10 205	777	990	813	914	807	685	767	863	866	1 096			
Covington	137 484	137 598	11 570	10 716	10 875	12 602	10 775	10 159	11 273	11 923	11 897	11 417			
Crenshaw	30 957	35 366	3 135	2 954	2 648	3 239	2 855	2 443	3 002	3 053	3 547	3 150			
Cullman	237 485	251 496	21 021	20 778	20 897	22 920	18 685	17 738	18 734	23 356	24 429	20 925			
Dale	104 884	114 605	9 442	9 293	9 706	11 415	8 562	8 555	8 074	10 091	10 898	9 730			
Dallas	198 889	207 966	17 215	16 680	17 275	19 996	15 799	14 853	16 375	17 424	17 820	16 450			
DeKalb	180 255	190 558	16 056	19 080	15 110	17 503	14 359	13 794	13 022	16 133	16 881	17 675			
Elmore	102 062	107 795	9 155	8 438	8 279	9 420	8 443	8 460	8 720	9 362	9 628	9 454			
Escambia	141 719	143 318	11 178	11 277	11 201	14 049	10 713	10 057	10 708	12 143	12 368	10 879			
Etowah	459 564	475 719	39 466	38 576	[illegible]	45 926	35 769	34 196	33 305	42 026	41 478	38 567			
Fayette	64 900	63 272	5 658	5 418	[illegible]	5 278	5 251	5 216	4 394	5 714	6 271	4 758			
Franklin	99 500	105 792	8 083	7 767	8 336	9 076	7 710	6 990	7 803	7 902	8 388	7 820			
Geneva	144 806	145 542	11 978	11 990	11 692	12 890	11 566	10 772	11 225	12 120	12 137	12 039			
Greene	18 302	16 898	1 508	1 395	1 347	1 437	1 363	1 391	1 425	1 523	1 643	1 533			
Hale	31 283	31 999	2 757	2 618	2 466	2 703	2 482	2 471	2 503	2 762	2 960	2 728			
Henry	35 719	38 396	3 343	3 104	3 107	3 515	3 051	2 706	2 583	3 250	3 058	3 134			
Houston	538 668	552 591	46 409	47 046	43 296	54 381	43 172	41 793	41 268	46 944	51 305	45 024			
Jackson	136 557	146 740	12 495	11 424	11 877	13 512	10 782	9 931	11 042	12 967	13 273	12 806			
Jefferson	4 275 224	4 530 851	382 692	373 044	377 926	452 927	360 837	344 555	342 539	403 220	421 520	376 385			
Lamar	37 962	37 818	2 845	3 054	3 113	3 531	3 174	2 941	2 627	3 113	3 697	3 362			
Lauderdale	362 832	396 258	32 756	32 224	34 933	43 791	31 083	28 901	29 502	34 290	36 631	34 412			
Lawrence	51 727	58 132	4 500	4 568	5 108	6 174	4 321	4 065	4 507	4 518	5 050	4 321			
Lee	346 847	372 442	32 981	30 711	33 326	38 705	29 763	26 730	29 543	32 228	34 971	27 540			
Limestone	161 430	176 965	15 123	14 405	13 833	16 882	14 130	13 143	13 007	15 421	16 059	14 919			
Lowndes	16 849	21 623	2 009	1 755	1 713	2 245	1 586	1 661	1 720	1 780	1 921	1 892			
Macon	45 109	44 374	4 109	3 987	3 474	3 828	4 001	3 591	3 535	4 195	4 574	3 759			
Madison	1 048 678	1 163 821	98 050	95 661	97 835	116 265	92 622	86 538	86 504	98 648	103 749	96 515			
Marengo	69 037	77 224	6 492	6 320	6 486	8 010	6 314	5 871	6 177	6 473	6 624	6 060			
Marion	95 238	104 142	8 781	8 440	9 045	10 492	8 719	7 996	8 182	8 788	9 692	9 033			
Marshall	339 190	383 021	32 104	30 431	32 461	35 701	28 695	27 916	30 103	33 860	37 374	32 481			
Mobile	1 756 156	1 835 441	152 927	155 820	149 285	182 041	148 510	133 912	133 093	160 841	150 739	137 032			
Monroe	102 682	105 936	9 230	9 331	11 139	12 111	6 014	5 780	5 312	6 322	6 765	6 593			
Montgomery	1 230 750	1 296 352	109 141	104 720	106 211	134 138	99 012	97 602	106 316	115 573	117 480	112 761			
Morgan	452 269	517 427	45 080	43 811	45 483	50 099	39 983	37 805	40 918	46 687	49 435	45 469			
Perry	25 100	24 055	2 101	1 887	1 914	2 168	1 873	1 844	1 910	2 157	2 045	1 776			
Pickens	41 328	42 027	3 476	3 310	3 359	3 672	3 305	3 186	3 138	4 269	4 394	3 709			
Pike	90 620	99 101	8 768	8 547	7 957	8 827	8 510	7 631	8 067	9 954	9 971	8 213			
Randolph	57 856	59 113	4 713	4 679	4 653	5 639	5 228	4 347	4 428	4 541	4 708	4 055			
Russell	121 339	122 995	9 564	10 370	9 852	11 919	9 159	8 684	9 398	11 430	11 451	10 477			
St. Clair	121 064	137 179	11 281	11 082	10 748	12 002	10 700	10 845	11 357	13 638	14 412	13 397			
Shelby	253 238	275 734	22 295	22 523	23 700	25 578	22 918	21 909	21 501	27 329	27 563	25 475			
Sumter	30 863	30 559	2 342	2 464	2 731	3 029	2 401	2 096	2 324	2 621	2 610	2 348			
Talladega	239 617	257 733	21 594	20 856	20 621	25 123	20 232	18 858	18 115	23 210	26 680	22 279			
Tallapoosa	127 374	133 242	10 896	10 688	11 389	12 630	10 379	10 700	10 280	12 524	13 300	12 683			
Tuscaloosa	631 255	675 647	56 495	55 965	57 529	68 007	55 220	50 920	50 059	60 157	60 226	57 218			
Walker	291 301	326 243	27 283	26 637	27 686	30 790	25 368	25 145	23 032	29 713	30 842	27 098			
Washington	21 658	20 665	1 978	1 645	1 622	1 556	1 642	1 531	1 240	1 693	1 865	1 706			
Wilcox	27 993	25 916	2 013	1 993	2 188	2 320	2 070	1 837	1 787	2 085	2 194	1 849			
Winston	71 276	80 206	6 868	6 801	7 041	7 562	6 217	5 623	6 127	7 186	9 859	8 157			
Statewide[11]	971 276	1 075 561	89 725	92 903	96 839	131 182	85 226	79 816	89 315	105 278	122 943	106 220			

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index". The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985			1986									
	1984	1985	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	28,068	23,421	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,179	142,268	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	39,238
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,470	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,247	23,537	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	547	518	511	550	509	558	556	548	541	523	526	496	576
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,886,900	188,800	252,100	241,700	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	288,400
Residential	1,232,400	1,236,400	92,600	92,800	69,800	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500
Nonresidential	920,000	1,071,200	66,400	74,500	136,000	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600
Public works and utilities	873,100	579,200	29,800	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	121	116	85	102	93	123	131	117	124	121	119	117	126
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,547	6,287	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,842	2,772,554	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747
Franchise	64,477	69,838	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901
Income	1,009,832	1,084,829	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502
Motor fuels	50,278	51,921	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150
Oil/gas privilege	70,182	64,950	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,600	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737	827	664
Sales	704,299	730,389	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637
2.2% Gross receipts	54,766	54,972	13,922	84	0	13,957	1	1	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231
TVA electric	36,733	42,844	0	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0
Tobacco	70,023	72,774	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368
Use	75,724	79,253	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179
Utility	151,260	156,209	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.3	.3	.2	.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	.3	.5	0	.2	.5	0
Food	302.9	309.8	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7
Housing	336.5	349.9	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2
Transportation	311.7	319.9	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6
Medical care	379.5	403.1	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3
Energy	423.6	426.5	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	308.0	309.5	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.7	297.2	297.7	298.3
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	324.4	324.7	325.1	323.8	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.7	308.8	309.3
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.321	.310	.307	.306	.305	.305	.305	.307	.307	.306	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303
Wholesale prices	.322	.324	.325	.323	.322	.324	.329	.333	.336	.334	.335	.336	.336	.336	.335
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0	1,893.5	1,896.8	1,904.1	1,905.3	1,902.2	1,910.5
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5	175.5	192.3	200.9	192.5	184.9	181.6
Unemployment rate	11.2	8.9	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.3	10.1	10.6	10.1	9.7	9.5
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5	1,718.0	1,704.5	1,703.2	1,712.8	1,717.3	1,728.9
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5	1,443.9	1,446.5	1,436.6	1,442.1	1,451.1
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3	358.8	354.4	351.8	353.7	354.7
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7	174.5	175.9	175.6	176.6	176.1	171.5	171.2	172.9
Lumber and wood products	29.6	29.2	28.4	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1	28.6	29.0	28.6	29.2	28.9	28.9	28.9	28.9
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.0
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6	25.5	25.2	24.1	23.8	23.8
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9	5.6	5.7
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1	22.4	22.6	22.1	22.6	22.6
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.2	20.0
Electrical, electronic equip	23.3	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	22.8	22.1	22.1	22.1
Transportation	25.4	26.6	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.7	28.4	25.8	25.9	27.5
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9	19.0	18.9	19.2	18.7	18.9	18.6	19.0
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7	182.2	178.3	180.3	182.5	181.8
Food	28.0	28.9	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.8	30.2	30.5
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8	37.6	37.3	37.8	37.5	37.7
Apparel	55.6	52.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9	50.6	51.7	50.7	51.5	51.4	50.4
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0	21.5	19.2	19.3	21.4	21.2
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.8
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.3	11.3
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.6	16.8	16.8	17.0	17.1	17.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2	1,085.1	1,092.1	1,084.8	1,088.4	1,096.4
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7	72.2	74.4	74.5	73.5	73.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4	71.0	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7
Trade	291.3	303.2	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3	312.8	316.2	317.3	318.2	319.3
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8	76.3	77.4	77.0	77.1	77.4
Retail	217.6	227.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5	236.5	238.8	240.3	241.1	241.9
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9	69.7	70.4	70.4	70.2	70.1
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3	247.3	247.7	247.1	249.1	248.7
Government	293.4	297.3	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2	299.9	299.2	291.4	294.2	301.4
Federal	64.9	65.2	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8	64.0	64.3	64.6	64.7	64.5	64.6
State and local	228.4	232.1	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2	235.6	234.6	226.7	229.7	236.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985			1986									
	1984	1985	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT Cont.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409	18,856	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,648	6,392	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573	32,598	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,910	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497	15,660	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,673	15,257	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170	15,290	15,260	15,590	15,620	15,740	15,650	15,660	16,010
	9.6	8.7	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	5.9	6.9	7.9	8.7	7.6	8.2	9.3
Baldwin	35,529	37,577	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070	38,400	38,650	39,170	39,080	39,670	39,140	38,630	38,760
	10.9	7.7	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.6	9.5	8.1	8.2	8.1
Barbour	12,220	11,513	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340	11,620	11,640	11,880	11,860	11,840	12,030	12,250	12,100
	10.5	10.5	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.1	9.3	9.1	10.2	10.1	9.4	9.7	10.7	9.5
Bibb	6,238	6,880	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990	6,960	7,060	7,250	7,500	7,460	7,460	7,470	7,550
	16.6	12.4	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8	11.8	13.8	12.8	12.8	11.6	11.6	11.4	11.3
Blount	16,767	17,227	17,250	17,280	17,180	17,220	17,680	18,660	18,080	18,380	18,470	18,360	18,380	18,400	18,460
	11.0	6.9	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6	10.8	6.9	7.9	8.4	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.7
Bullock	4,522	3,678	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590	3,600	3,630	3,960	3,840	4,030	3,970	3,930	4,040
	14.5	16.4	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2	15.9	14.6	20.0	17.2	20.0	19.0	16.5	16.5
Butler	9,798	9,076	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830	9,000	9,320	9,460	9,530	9,170	9,500	9,420	9,530
	13.8	12.3	15.5	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6	10.4	11.4	11.1	15.2	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.0
Calhoun	47,501	49,983	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520	50,780	51,410	51,760	52,270	52,650	52,560	52,760	52,740
	11.3	8.9	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.4	10.1	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.6
Chambers	16,508	16,933	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,160	17,240	17,360	17,540	17,460	17,950	17,640	17,450	17,330
	9.3	8.8	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.1	8.0	8.9	12.2	9.4	9.1	8.1
Cherokee	11,663	7,963	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,610	7,670	7,700	7,880	8,190	8,070	7,950	8,040	8,020	7,960
	14.1	14.7	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2	22.0	13.9	12.6	13.3	12.6	11.0	10.1	10.9
Chilton	16,185	15,129	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350	15,420	15,690	15,990	16,000	16,070	16,000	16,090	16,470
	11.3	10.3	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.6	9.3	9.9	11.3
Choctaw	5,797	6,541	6,550	6,660	6,580	6,620	6,610	6,910	7,000	7,090	7,260	7,400	7,200	7,180	7,160
	16.2	14.6	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4	19.7	16.0	16.3	17.9	18.8	15.3	13.7	13.5
Clarke	10,628	11,044	11,210	10,870	11,010	11,100	11,150	11,220	11,320	11,380	11,410	11,450	11,490	11,400	11,650
	14.3	9.9	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	15.7	11.0	10.4	11.0	10.6	9.9	9.9	10.3
Clay	7,574	6,397	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270	6,570	6,790	6,690	6,540	6,440	6,540	6,430	6,480
	10.9	11.1	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7	20.1	23.4	24.2	12.0	11.6	11.9	13.0	12.3
Cleburne	5,251	5,766	5,840	5,710	5,680	5,660	5,650	5,600	5,910	6,010	5,940	5,920	6,100	6,150	6,110
	10.2	9.1	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4	10.2	7.8	6.7	6.9	7.5	9.1	14.8	8.1
Coffee	20,212	17,034	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220	17,450	17,510	17,910	17,650	17,320	17,780	17,770	18,030
	8.4	7.2	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.7	8.4	8.3	7.8	9.3	10.4
Colbert	23,913	24,545	24,490	24,210	23,960	24,110	24,470	24,540	25,050	25,220	25,260	25,550	25,520	25,540	25,390
	16.4	13.1	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1	11.9	12.8	12.2	13.8	14.9	14.1	14.0	12.8
Conecuh	7,214	6,309	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480	6,800	6,690	6,820	6,750	6,320	6,460	6,460	6,580
	11.7	10.8	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9	17.3	14.5	14.1	15.2	12.5	15.2	15.1	17.0
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850	4,920	4,770	4,840	4,780	4,770	4,850	4,940	4,980
	8.0	7.5	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3	6.8	8.3	8.8	10.1	8.7	8.1	7.3	7.4
Covington	16,368	17,128	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940	17,020	17,310	17,700	17,480	17,580	17,530	17,850	18,010
	9.9	9.7	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.1	10.4	9.9
Crenshaw	7,456	6,104	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880	6,050	6,000	6,240	6,050	6,060	6,140	6,200	6,270
	11.0	9.1	7.1	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.4	13.7	8.0	7.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.9
Cullman	29,543	30,433	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400	30,670	30,800	31,540	31,360	31,390	31,420	31,950	32,460
	11.5	9.6	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.3	9.4	9.6	9.1	9.0	8.8
Dale	22,733	19,531	19,750	19,590	19,330	19,500	19,910	20,150	20,450	20,750	20,730	20,820	20,870	21,040	21,310
	7.6	7.4	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.9	8.3	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.4	8.3	7.8
Dallas	23,135	22,316	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530	22,790	22,880	23,410	23,510	23,540	23,520	23,380	23,500
	15.7	15.0	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7	15.0	14.7	15.3	17.1	16.2	15.6	15.1	15.3
DeKalb	30,829	27,461	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350	27,880	27,970	28,810	29,020	29,440	29,680	29,650	29,560
	10.8	10.4	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	9.0	9.1	10.1	10.5	9.6	9.6	9.1
Elmore	20,767	20,784	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870	21,090	21,180	21,560	21,400	21,380	21,420	21,220	21,460
	7.7	7.3	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.2	6.4
Escambia	18,103	16,738	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920	17,120	17,290	17,610	17,430	17,490	17,610	17,420	17,370
	12.1	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	14.0	11.2	11.2	11.6	11.3	10.1	10.0	10.3
Etowah	42,608	42,225	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060	43,680	43,660	44,480	44,000	44,570	44,220	43,750	43,540
	13.5	10.3	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8	16.3	12.9	14.3	13.1	13.7	12.0	11.5	11.1
Fayette	10,438	8,229	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140	8,160	8,200	8,210	8,060	8,020	8,160	8,200	8,190
	9.5	14.3	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9	13.5	14.2	12.9	13.1	13.8	13.5	13.8	13.1
Franklin	14,823	15,046	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950	14,970	15,110	15,000	15,200	15,540	15,470	15,020	15,090
	18.6	13.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9	14.2	12.7	11.5	13.2	16.6	13.9	12.6	12.3
Geneva	11,740	10,714	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740	11,040	11,020	11,380	11,170	11,240	11,140	11,260	11,470
	8.2	9.5	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6	6.4	8.7	10.0	8.2	8.4	8.7
Greene	4,763	3,841	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,760	3,950	3,810	3,890	3,870	3,940	3,990	4,030	4,090
	17.1	17.6	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0	17.2	13.8	13.4	15.1	15.2	14.8	14.6	14.8
Hale	5,480	5,891	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800	5,900	5,980	6,280	6,230	6,230	6,370	6,360	6,440
	17.1	11.3	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.6	11.0	9.8	11.5	9.5	8.9
Henry	7,294	6,748	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790	6,840	6,780	6,890	6,820	6,740	6,780	7,030	7,010
	9.4	10.6	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.4	8.6	9.5	10.0	8.7	9.0	7.6
Houston	36,547	33,718	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480	34,750	35,470	35,730	35,480	36,040	35,900	36,190	36,620
	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	8.8	9.7	8.9	9.4	10.4	9.1	9.0	8.4
Jackson	19,785	20,483	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700	20,800	20,580	20,950	21,130	21,120	21,150	21,320	21,430
	16.8	12.3	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	12.7	12.4	14.7	15.4	13.9	13.0	12.1
Jefferson	303,502	312,343	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270	322,760	327,950	330,520	332,560	335,200	336,870	337,020	337,360
	9.8	6.9	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.8	8.5	9.1	8.8	8.4
Lamar	9,346	8,808	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760	8,830	8,900	9,010	9,020	9,220	9,010	9,130	9,080
	7.3	8.0	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.4	11.4	9.5	10.4	8.9

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985			1986									
	1984	1985	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT Cont.															
Lauderdale	35,599 14.8	36,158 10.9	36,320 9.6	36,050 10.2	35,820 10.6	35,670 11.6	36,560 12.0	36,680 10.9	36,840 10.4	37,510 10.7	37,740 12.8	37,340 12.0	37,300 11.1	37,420 11.2	37,620 11.0
Lawrence	13,445 15.1	12,636 12.7	13,130 12.3	12,740 13.4	12,420 14.0	12,450 15.2	12,590 15.0	12,720 14.2	12,730 14.0	13,050 12.4	12,980 13.5	13,080 13.9	13,450 15.4	13,100 12.7	13,280 13.4
Lee	38,473 6.6	37,752 7.0	38,010 6.2	37,980 6.6	37,330 7.7	37,300 7.3	38,180 8.6	38,240 7.0	38,460 6.9	38,660 6.9	38,000 8.2	38,130 9.9	37,580 7.7	37,390 8.1	37,740 7.4
Limestone	20,225 10.8	27,043 7.1	28,680 6.5	28,590 6.8	27,990 7.0	28,300 8.3	28,700 9.2	29,070 9.2	29,410 8.4	29,860 8.4	29,590 9.2	29,540 9.5	29,440 11.4	30,120 7.6	30,290 8.1
Lowndes	5,096 18.3	4,636 14.1	4,810 11.4	4,640 10.3	4,530 10.4	4,360 11.5	4,420 12.1	4,530 12.3	4,540 13.7	4,660 14.2	4,700 18.0	4,800 17.1	4,960 17.9	5,010 15.6	5,010 15.6
Macon	8,147 11.1	10,453 8.5	10,570 8.5	10,490 8.6	10,330 8.5	10,340 8.9	10,420 8.5	10,490 8.2	10,590 8.1	10,800 9.1	10,560 10.2	10,720 10.1	10,680 9.4	10,570 8.4	10,740 9.5
Madison	117,779 7.1	117,762 5.9	120,100 5.5	119,830 5.8	119,020 5.5	119,030 5.9	120,730 6.1	122,630 6.7	123,790 6.3	125,440 6.4	127,470 7.9	126,890 7.7	126,560 8.1	127,180 7.7	127,530 7.6
Marengo	9,722 14.2	9,934 10.6	9,820 8.6	9,820 9.4	9,690 9.2	9,600 10.0	9,750 9.7	10,140 15.5	9,960 10.2	10,110 9.7	10,120 10.6	10,300 13.6	10,180 10.4	10,080 9.5	10,170 9.6
Marion	13,584 14.9	15,278 13.8	15,390 14.0	15,470 12.7	15,420 13.0	15,560 13.9	15,550 13.4	15,640 13.0	15,810 12.9	16,040 11.8	16,030 12.9	16,440 16.7	16,310 14.7	16,270 14.8	16,330 14.0
Marshall	33,047 12.6	35,615 8.7	36,220 7.2	35,770 7.4	35,260 7.9	35,960 11.7	36,110 10.1	37,050 16.3	36,980 10.2	37,500 10.4	37,870 12.0	38,190 14.2	37,440 11.1	37,600 10.6	37,490 10.2
Mobile	164,727 12.7	166,738 9.4	167,890 9.1	167,630 8.8	166,330 9.1	166,590 10.0	169,200 10.0	171,160 10.4	172,670 10.4	175,480 10.7	176,290 11.7	176,720 11.5	176,820 11.3	174,160 11.3	174,160 10.9
Monroe	11,138 15.9	9,085 13.5	9,110 10.2	9,060 11.5	9,000 12.7	8,920 12.8	8,970 12.0	10,200 27.8	9,300 13.7	9,330 11.7	9,190 11.5	9,280 10.9	9,510 10.1	9,510 9.4	9,550 10.4
Montgomery	96,607 8.8	91,901 7.2	92,910 6.4	92,390 6.5	91,850 6.7	91,340 7.0	93,020 6.8	93,800 6.7	94,610 7.0	96,370 7.8	96,130 8.3	96,050 8.3	96,040 7.8	95,560 7.8	96,730 8.1
Morgan	38,872 11.5	43,368 8.1	43,890 7.6	43,580 7.9	43,290 7.9	43,710 9.3	44,010 9.6	44,620 9.5	45,070 9.1	45,620 8.7	46,080 10.1	46,220 10.8	46,640 11.9	45,540 9.9	45,830 10.0
Perry	5,820 13.3	5,336 13.2	5,490 10.7	5,410 14.4	5,260 18.7	5,170 14.5	5,110 9.1	5,250 11.0	5,230 9.6	5,500 11.7	5,390 12.3	5,450 12.7	5,530 12.9	5,490 10.7	5,590 10.5
Pickens	7,085 15.9	6,965 15.2	7,250 13.5	7,080 13.5	6,770 13.4	6,730 13.5	6,900 14.4	6,950 14.1	7,070 14.3	7,420 14.3	7,230 15.0	7,350 15.7	7,540 16.6	7,580 14.3	7,790 15.7
Pike	13,562 10.1	11,773 8.0	12,350 7.6	12,110 7.1	11,300 8.0	11,780 7.9	11,970 8.3	12,090 8.0	12,160 7.7	12,460 8.0	12,400 8.9	12,200 9.9	12,320 9.8	12,460 7.8	12,660 8.8
Randolph	8,792 14.9	8,865 9.6	9,100 8.0	9,140 7.3	9,050 7.4	9,010 7.5	9,130 6.9	9,190 7.3	9,300 7.5	9,320 11.4	9,120 10.4	9,060 10.0	9,510 12.9	9,260 10.8	9,350 9.6
Russell	19,293 12.8	20,634 10.5	20,550 9.2	20,620 9.6	20,940 10.8	20,890 11.0	20,860 10.0	21,030 10.1	21,020 9.6	21,000 9.3	21,120 9.8	21,110 10.3	21,260 10.0	21,100 9.5	21,300 10.7
St. Clair	19,403 11.5	20,691 8.1	20,750 6.8	20,630 6.5	20,500 6.2	20,640 7.5	21,040 7.9	21,300 7.3	21,380 6.7	21,710 7.5	22,030 8.9	22,250 9.9	36,020 6.8	36,120 6.7	37,080 8.6
Shelby	31,912 10.3	34,261 7.0	34,340 5.7	34,330 5.9	34,190 5.7	34,440 7.1	34,870 6.9	35,010 5.5	35,550 5.9	35,940 6.4	36,230 7.2	36,240 7.3	21,720 7.8	21,790 7.7	21,860 7.5
Sumter	7,249 11.6	6,147 13.7	6,240 11.2	6,150 15.4	5,830 14.5	5,950 18.3	6,020 19.3	6,140 21.4	6,240 21.1	6,400 21.1	6,460 26.3	6,490 25.5	6,410 22.8	6,250 18.4	6,230 18.1
Talladega	31,153 15.7	31,537 13.1	31,380 11.2	31,000 11.0	30,890 10.4	30,970 11.1	31,380 11.0	31,750 11.1	32,180 11.3	32,610 11.3	32,850 12.6	33,210 13.7	33,370 13.1	33,140 13.0	33,060 12.4
Tallapoosa	17,304 9.4	18,258 8.2	18,350 7.1	18,420 7.1	18,220 7.4	18,280 8.3	18,640 7.9	18,490 7.1	18,800 6.5	19,250 7.5	19,600 8.8	19,770 9.5	19,910 8.3	19,620 7.8	19,620 7.5
Tuscaloosa	58,145 9.6	64,346 6.8	65,760 6.3	65,860 6.2	65,500 6.5	65,720 6.9	66,900 7.1	67,470 7.0	68,410 6.9	68,810 7.8	67,440 8.6	67,310 8.4	68,770 8.3	70,010 7.6	70,140 7.2
Walker	32,554 13.3	33,097 9.9	33,110 8.5	32,880 8.0	32,870 8.3	34,980 14.4	35,650 14.8	35,880 13.8	36,370 13.9	36,440 13.6	36,990 15.0	37,030 15.1	35,410 11.4	35,100 10.3	34,840 9.0
Washington	6,491 18.0	5,855 14.9	5,840 13.2	5,820 14.1	5,810 15.9	5,990 17.2	5,910 15.6	6,100 18.8	6,050 16.8	6,160 17.1	6,270 20.0	6,260 20.8	6,010 17.1	6,060 16.6	6,080 15.8
Wilcox	5,475 15.3	4,391 16.4	4,410 16.1	4,340 15.9	4,240 15.5	4,210 15.8	4,270 15.7	4,350 16.3	4,400 16.8	4,510 16.7	4,560 19.2	4,480 19.1	4,440 17.6	4,320 16.2	4,410 15.7
Winston	9,264 19.6	10,488 17.1	10,390 18.4	10,510 19.5	10,240 20.7	10,630 24.1	10,710 24.1	10,740 22.9	10,700 21.3	10,580 18.4	10,550 19.0	10,580 19.1	10,620 19.2	10,480 16.8	10,460 16.1
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,985	38,823	43,648	53,389	58,252	70,563	62,021	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	652	1,056	816	984	1,427	1,232	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459		
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,948	602,564	35,786	77,169	96,664	77,115	82,535	77,691	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	1,454	1,833	2,074	2,588	2,214	1,620	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,725	1,399		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,792	38,242	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,284	25,020	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	160,169	150,060	162,477	159,132	142,757	163,267	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[10] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,630	3,402													
General stores with food and gas	173	258													
General merchandise	2,379	2,329													
Apparel	566	633													
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	542	679													
Automotive	3,079	3,272													
Gasoline service stations	294	262													
Lumber and building materials	888	1,153													
Hardware and farm implements	422	264													
Eating places	1,284	1,312													
Drug stores	264	266													
All other retail	2,151	1,826													
Total sales by retail concerns	15,671	15,655													
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	2,612	3,870													
Total all sales at retail	18,284	19,554	1,617	1,627	1,946	1,538	1,453	1,497	1,740	1,835	1,710	1,765	1,741		

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985			1986									
	1984	1985	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
TRADE continued															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[12] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,037	541,566	44,701	45,879	54,537	42,165	40,284	43,448	48,819	51,811	47,955	50,202	50,820		
Birmingham	5,020,295	5,371,061	441,873	448,632	530,615	427,973	409,796	406,536	480,784	502,336	463,183	476,784	508,223		
Dothan	641,532	667,196	56,339	53,002	65,796	51,738	50,433	49,568	57,776	61,646	55,956	57,126	52,569		
Florence	611,592	646,787	52,192	55,176	67,194	50,201	46,816	48,934	56,292	58,675	56,171	56,885	54,366		
Gadsden	458,793	475,733	38,578	39,499	45,928	35,771	34,256	36,082	44,992	44,527	41,816	45,549	39,137		
Huntsville	1,047,074	1,163,891	95,661	97,835	116,281	92,634	86,555	86,686	99,079	104,269	97,693	101,749	96,432		
Mobile	2,079,628	2,191,835	182,414	174,945	212,439	174,362	158,989	161,142	194,437	207,183	196,830	201,609	180,744		
Montgomery	1,427,914	1,519,220	125,962	122,652	153,330	116,356	114,266	123,192	135,191	142,512	132,778	138,341	122,242		
Tuscaloosa	630,169	675,701	55,987	57,549	68,010	55,221	50,920	50,145	60,664	60,803	58,378	60,009	55,448		
Counties															
Autauga	96,681	105,946	8,823	8,140	9,762	8,808	8,120	7,516	9,362	9,194	8,808	10,417	7,187		
Baldwin	343,603	355,485	26,568	25,640	30,318	25,775	25,366	27,534	32,147	34,744	34,205	36,348	32,776		
Barbour	71,569	75,348	6,265	6,120	7,551	5,825	5,782	5,906	6,463	7,614	7,005	7,058	6,713		
Bibb	41,388	44,116	3,670	3,906	4,429	3,478	3,446	3,844	4,028	4,424	4,360	4,272	4,381		
Blount	88,957	100,669	8,528	8,727	9,208	7,992	7,113	7,528	8,305	8,907	8,336	8,042	8,851		
Bullock	26,076	25,663	2,053	2,098	2,798	2,345	2,096	2,034	1,986	1,983	2,036	2,098	1,987		
Butler	65,540	63,151	5,153	5,100	5,959	5,109	4,688	5,019	5,412	5,392	5,273	5,687	5,154		
Calhoun	507,735	541,566	44,701	45,879	54,537	42,165	40,284	43,448	48,819	51,811	47,955	50,202	50,820		
Chambers	106,969	108,836	9,006	8,963	10,255	8,643	8,422	9,449	10,138	10,370	9,511	9,929	9,929		
Cherokee	47,882	50,330	4,404	3,937	4,139	4,286	3,671	3,486	4,763	4,555	4,480	4,234	4,443		
Chilton	99,835	109,592	8,985	9,304	10,471	8,412	8,460	8,808	9,565	10,727	9,771	11,221	10,332		
Choctaw	36,627	38,886	3,318	3,296	3,695	3,243	2,743	2,804	3,063	3,189	2,780	2,954	3,037		
Clarke	98,413	107,243	8,266	8,773	10,614	8,692	7,698	8,610	9,335	10,194	9,615	8,794	8,322		
Clay	26,354	26,979	2,215	2,116	2,470	2,354	2,129	2,123	2,397	2,477	2,336	2,556	2,594		
Cleburne	22,197	23,634	1,965	1,661	1,723	1,669	1,725	1,777	1,953	2,265	1,986	2,165	2,000		
Coffee	186,084	192,027	15,289	15,740	18,537	14,993	13,978	14,948	17,229	19,616	16,887	17,178	15,711		
Colbert	249,862	250,484	19,962	20,234	23,399	19,105	17,906	19,401	21,946	21,884	21,416	21,972	21,703		
Conecuh	37,496	36,958	2,845	3,260	3,539	2,704	2,548	2,569	2,815	3,090	2,577	2,933	2,733		
Coosa	8,919	10,205	990	813	914	807	685	780	863	879	1,114	820	737		
Covington	137,484	137,640	10,743	10,875	12,617	10,775	10,174	11,293	11,980	12,499	12,071	12,695	11,978		
Crenshaw	30,957	35,394	2,962	2,651	3,241	2,857	2,446	3,016	3,073	3,573	3,170	3,058	3,669		
Cullman	237,485	251,546	20,781	20,900	22,948	18,736	17,763	18,758	23,444	24,508	21,223	23,063	22,580		
Dale	104,884	114,605	9,293	9,706	11,415	8,566	8,555	8,074	10,105	10,879	9,851	9,958	9,717		
Dallas	198,889	207,993	16,680	17,291	20,007	15,852	14,866	16,425	17,557	18,430	17,183	17,316	18,132		
DeKalb	180,255	190,558	19,080	15,110	17,503	14,359	13,794	13,022	16,146	17,762	18,902	16,451	15,594		
Elmore	102,062	107,956	8,438	8,279	9,420	8,444	8,461	9,148	9,520	10,046	9,687	9,448	9,070		
Escambia	141,719	143,326	11,285	11,201	14,049	10,713	10,062	10,708	12,169	12,475	11,106	12,182	11,799		
Etowah	459,564	475,733	38,578	39,499	45,928	35,771	34,256	36,082	44,992	44,527	41,816	45,549	39,137		
Fayette	64,900	63,273	5,418	4,773	5,278	5,251	5,216	4,424	5,716	6,299	5,941	5,423	5,052		
Franklin	99,500	105,792	7,767	8,336	9,076	7,710	6,990	7,803	7,943	8,488	7,942	8,435	8,647		
Geneva	144,806	145,559	11,990	11,692	12,893	11,566	10,772	11,229	12,140	12,184	12,106	11,802	11,698		
Greene	18,302	16,900	1,395	1,348	1,438	1,363	1,391	1,431	1,529	1,658	1,549	1,483	1,483		
Hale	31,283	31,999	2,618	2,466	2,703	2,482	2,471	2,503	2,762	2,971	2,755	2,776	2,837		
Henry	35,719	38,397	3,104	3,107	3,515	3,051	2,706	2,583	3,253	3,113	3,409	3,049	3,212		
Houston	538,668	552,591	47,046	43,296	54,381	43,172	41,878	41,494	47,671	50,767	46,105	47,168	42,852		
Jackson	136,557	146,740	11,424	11,877	13,512	10,784	10,039	11,046	13,099	13,451	12,932	13,564	13,816		
Jefferson	4,275,224	4,531,219	373,103	377,771	453,021	360,970	344,775	343,055	401,674	420,169	387,590	398,880	436,470		
Lamar	37,962	37,821	3,054	3,113	3,531	3,174	2,941	2,627	3,115	3,704	3,382	3,449	3,534		
Lauderdale	362,832	396,303	32,230	34,942	43,795	31,096	28,910	29,533	34,346	36,791	34,755	34,913	32,663		
Lawrence	51,727	57,996	4,568	5,111	6,034	4,323	4,066	4,519	4,571	5,104	4,653	5,219	5,192		
Lee	346,847	372,613	30,839	33,331	38,733	29,770	26,759	29,823	32,482	35,279	31,008	31,673	29,079		
Limestone	161,430	177,084	14,413	13,833	16,893	14,130	13,153	13,020	15,480	16,191	15,084	16,250	14,552		
Lowndes	16,849	21,623	1,755	1,713	2,245	1,587	1,677	1,739	1,801	1,951	1,919	1,896	1,882		
Macon	45,109	44,380	3,989	3,476	3,830	4,002	3,640	3,542	4,204	4,623	3,810	3,855	3,959		
Madison	1,048,678	1,163,891	95,661	97,835	116,281	92,634	86,555	86,686	99,079	104,269	97,693	101,749	96,432		
Marengo	69,037	77,283	6,320	6,486	8,016	6,319	5,873	6,191	6,489	6,656	6,114	6,418	6,526		
Marion	95,238	104,152	8,440	9,045	10,492	8,719	7,998	8,184	8,792	9,737	9,180	9,040	9,283		
Marshall	339,190	383,035	30,431	32,461	35,701	28,695	27,916	30,103	33,912	37,594	34,204	34,547	32,830		
Mobile	1,756,156	1,836,350	155,846	149,305	182,121	148,587	133,623	133,608	162,290	172,439	162,625	165,261	147,968		
Monroe	102,682	105,938	9,331	11,139	12,111	6,014	5,781	5,314	6,323	6,775	6,630	6,747	7,192		
Montgomery	1,230,750	1,305,318	108,701	106,233	134,148	99,104	97,685	106,528	116,309	123,272	114,283	118,476	105,985		
Morgan	452,269	517,581	43,811	45,483	50,109	39,989	37,810	40,947	46,741	49,549	45,879	47,877	46,235		
Perry	25,100	24,056	1,887	1,914	2,169	1,873	1,844	1,914	2,161	2,106	1,971	2,003	2,115		
Pickens	41,328	42,066	3,314	3,359	3,705	3,308	3,190	3,143	4,282	4,420	3,812	3,870	3,993		
Pike	90,620	99,101	8,547	7,957	9,827	8,515	7,648	8,183	9,505	9,711	8,534	8,925	9,221		
Randolph	57,856	59,113	4,679	4,653	5,639	5,228	4,347	4,428	4,553	4,866	4,160	4,599	4,859		
Russell	121,339	123,138	10,507	9,852	11,919	9,223	8,722	9,497	11,593	11,550	10,791	11,068	10,738		
St Clair	253,238	275,734	22,523	23,700	25,578	22,928	21,918	21,561	27,406	27,775	26,520	26,404	23,505		
Shelby	121,064	137,180	11,082	10,748	12,002	10,700	10,845	11,357	13,649	14,568	13,493	13,111	12,432		
Sumter	30,863	30,573	2,464	2,731	3,043	2,401	2,097	2,325	2,624	2,630	2,390	2,524	2,560		
Talladega	239,617	257,747	20,860	20,630	25,123	20,237	18,858	18,133	23,360	26,885	22,548	24,920	21,487		
Tallapoosa	127,374	133,261	10,688	11,389	12,630	10,381	10,700	10,281	12,531	13,315	12,743	13,062	13,050		
Tuscaloosa	631,255	675,701	55,987	57,549	68,010	55,221	50,920	50,145	60,664	60,803	58,378	60,009	55,448		
Walker	291,301	326,259	26,637	27,686	30,806	25,383	25,145	23,035	29,750	30,917	27,244	30,347	26,965		
Washington	21,658	20,665	1,645	1,622	1,556	1,642	1,533	1,241	1,693	1,866	1,722	1,983	1,913		
Wilcox	27,993	25,919	1,993	2,188	2,323	2,073	1,839	1,796	2,105	2,236	1,884	2,232	2,032		
Winston	71,276	80,209	6,801	7,041	7,565	6,217	5,670	6,169	7,206	7,705	6,807	7,484	8,755		
Statewide[11]	971,276	1,077,615	92,826	97,040	132,650	86,116	79,759	91,932	105,259	112,938	110,487	113,529	131,414		

NOTE Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service

[4] End-of-month balance

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks, excludes tonnage for military installations

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors

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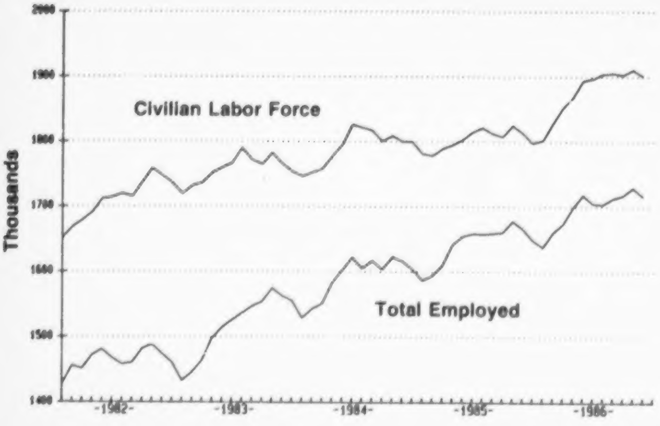
[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total

ALABAMA BUSINESS AT A GLANCE

ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT



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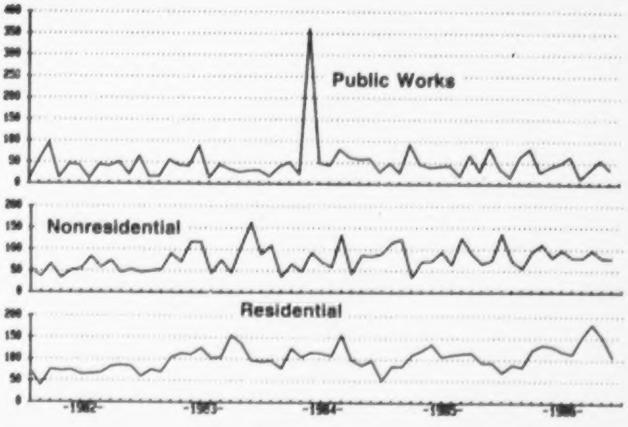

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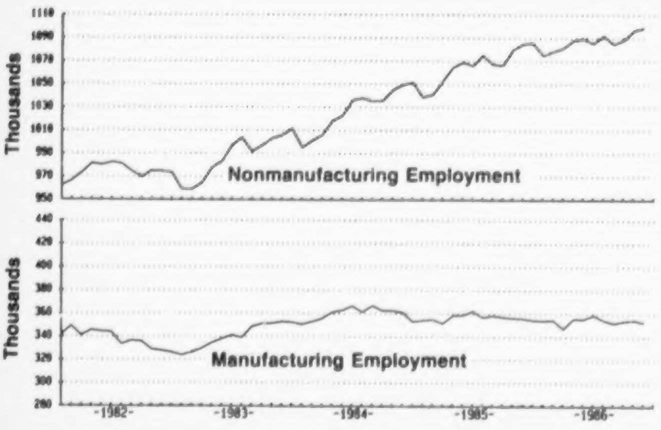

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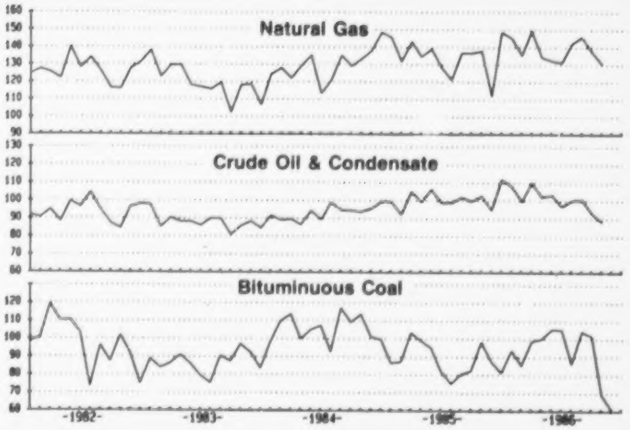

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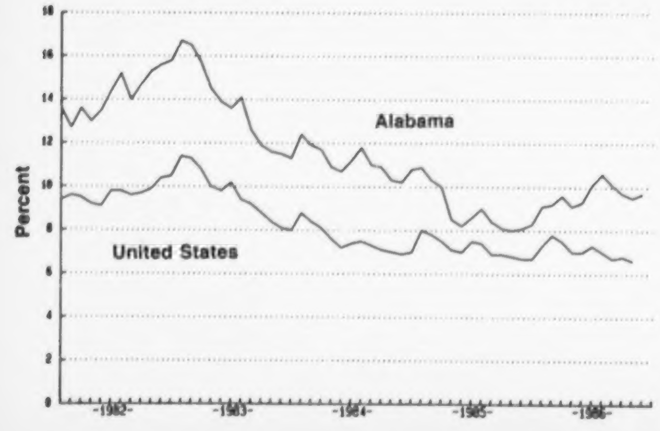

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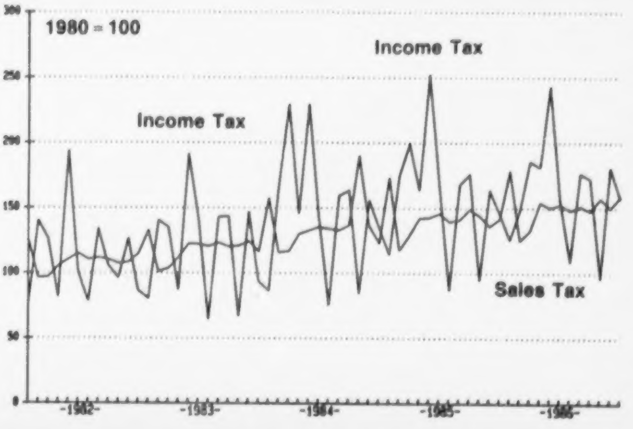

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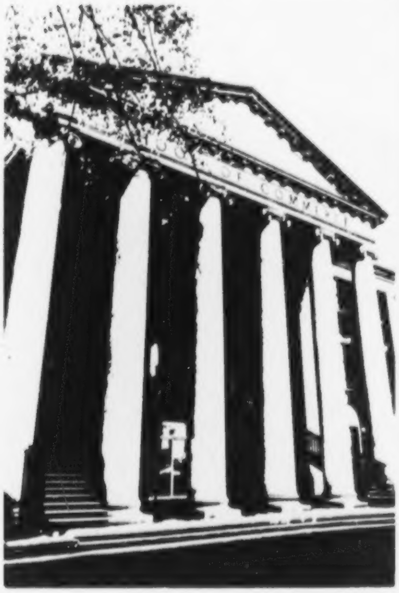

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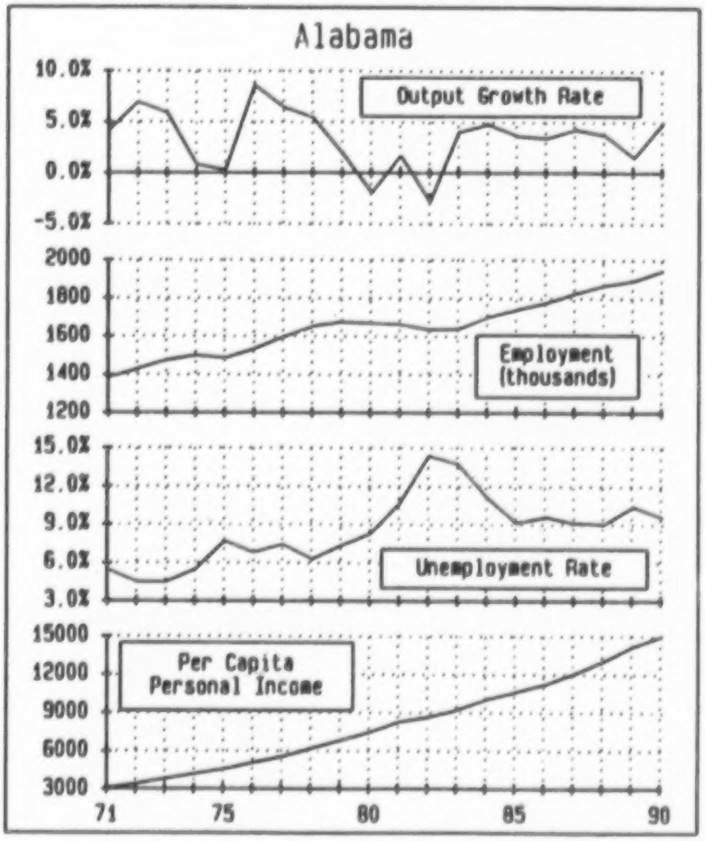

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MOBILE AND GULF COAST AIRFARES

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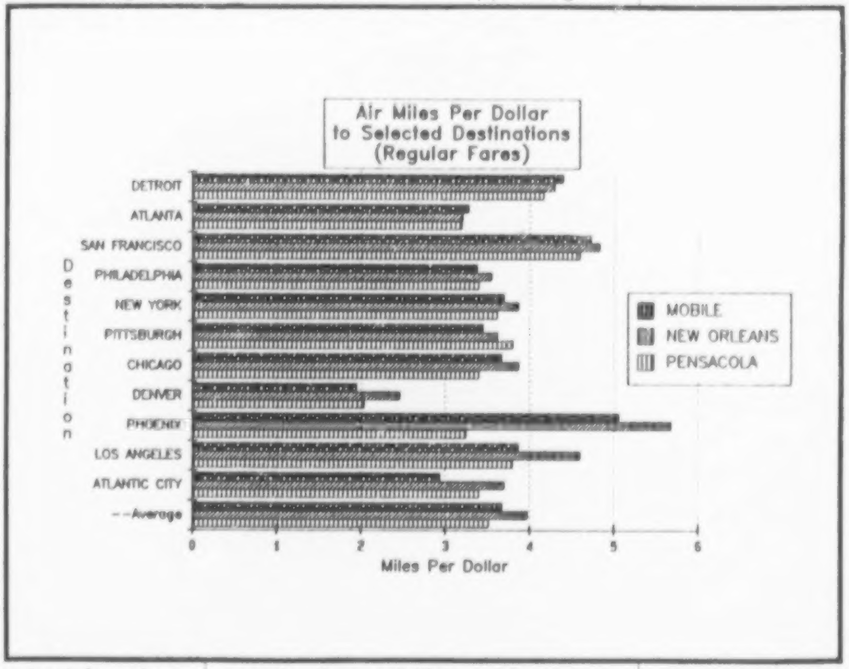
American business has been going through a phase of deregulation, and the effects are being felt primarily in three basic industries: finance, telecommunications, and transportation. Deregulation of the airline industry, beginning in 1978, was aimed at allowing the forces of supply and demand to determine air fares and scheduling in order to improve efficiency.



This move has met with considerable success, as evidenced by the dramatic decline in fares in the major competitive markets. Witness the fact that long distance air fares, adjusted for inflation, have declined by almost 50 percent in the past seven years.

However, the decline in air fares has not been smooth and continuous. From 1980 through 1982 the airline industry was depressed, and firms resorted to heavy fare cutting and discounting. This provided a substantial subsidy to customers in 1982 when 80 percent of all air travelers flew on some sort of discount ticket. The industry lost over $1.4 billion during 1980, 1981 and 1982.

Industry traffic increased by nine percent because of fare discounting, but revenue increased by only one percent, and most air carriers operated in the red. Then the economy began to improve and air travel demand increased. The airlines gambled that consumer demand in 1983 would be strong enough to overcome increases in fares, and they were correct. They eliminated many discount fares.

During this same period their costs of fuel and labor dropped significantly, thus solidifying the market. Fare discounting under deregulation is likely to continue because existing carriers and new entrants will attempt to capture a part or a greater share of the market.

Fare reductions have forced firms to improve efficiency. They have been forced to define markets in order to price by product line. Costs of various services and routes must be accurately identified so that prices can be adjusted to costs.

As the industry becomes increasingly competitive, mistakes in pricing become more costly. If a price is set too low, revenue will not cover costs, but if the price is set too high, customers switch to rival airlines.

Firms cannot expect to compensate for pricing mistakes in some markets by making abnormally high returns in others, because competition soon eliminates above-normal returns. While improving efficiency and pricing, firms have benefited from substantial reductions in the costs of fuel and labor, and they have improved labor efficiency through changes in work rules.

Deregulation has not been without its problems. Some cities suffer at least a temporary loss of service as airlines abandon old routes and establish new ones. In conjunction to this, some airlines have been forced by competition to accept fares which do not provide revenue sufficient to update their fleets.

Within this context we also have existing facilities that cannot efficiently adjust their flight schedules at some of the country's busiest airports. This problem has the FAA threatening to get back into airline regulation.[1]

The decline in air fares resulting from deregulation has also been accompanied by instability in the pattern of fares. Fares have varied from region to region and from time to time.

In Mobile, Alabama, there appears to be a widely held opinion that air fares originating from the Mobile airport are more expensive than from other points of origin in close proximity, such as Moissant Airport in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Pensacola Regional Airport in Florida. City Commissioners in Mobile feel that by using New Orleans or Pensacola as a point of origin instead of Mobile, consumers can fly to various cities at much lower rates.[2]

They also feel strongly that the fare discrepancy in Mobile is causing a loss of business at the Mobile airport and inconveniencing Mobilians who have to drive elsewhere to obtain lower air fares. Our findings do not substantiate this.

To determine whether the citizens of Mobile, Alabama, and surrounding areas do in fact pay higher air fares than the citizens of New Orleans or Pensacola we performed a statistical cost-per-mile comparative analysis.

Since city size appears to be an important factor in determining air fares, we selected, in addition to New Orleans and Pensacola, seven cities similar in size to Mobile for comparison purposes. These additional seven are Birmingham, Alabama; Montgomery, Alabama; Memphis, Tennessee; Little Rock, Arkansas; Columbia, South Carolina; Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina; and Orlando, Florida.

The destinations selected from these points are eleven major population centers: Chicago, New York, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, and Atlantic City. We compared air fares for each point of origin to each point of destination, for a total of 110 routes.

We examined two kinds of fares, normal coach fares and excursion fares. Specialty fares, such as "one time only" or "special situations" or charter flights were not considered.

Excursion fares are between 25 and 50 percent lower in price than normal coach fares, but they carry various restrictions such as no stopovers, thirty day advanced booking, and no reservation cancellation privileges. Normal coach fares usually have no restrictions.

We obtained all prices from The Official Air Line Guides and local travel agencies in order to avoid biases that might arise in selecting particular airlines.

We computed mileage on a direct-flight miles basis from point of origin to each of the destination airports, though actual miles traveled frequently differ widely from direct flight miles.

The reason for this is that all carriers have developed a hub-and-spoke system in order to increase their productivity. Under this system passengers are flown into a hub airport and deplaned to other flights to their destination. Flights from various cities are spoked into a hub where passengers deplane and regroup for common destinations.

By applying this concept the airline can fill its planes and provide connections between a greater number of cities. While such a system results in large variations between direct flights miles and miles actually traveled, we used, for comparison purposes, direct flight miles. It is the movement from point of origin to point of destination that is demanded by the consumer, regardless of routes devised by the airlines.

On the accompanying charts one can see a comparison of miles travelled per dollar. The higher the number, the better is the value for the consumer. For example, a consumer can fly 3.67 miles per dollar between Mobile and Chicago using a normal fare, but can fly 11.72 miles per dollar on the same route using an excursion fare.

The question is not whether normal or excursion fares are the better value, but whether a consumer can get more miles per dollar by choosing to depart from Mobile or from some other airport.

We tested the data using analysis of variance and least significant differences statistical tests. The statistical results showed that the normal air fare mean miles per dollar were not significantly higher for Mobile, with the exception that Orlando was a bit lower.

On excursion fares the findings reflect two significant differences. The first is that Pensacola, Florida had a mean of 7.76 miles per dollar as compared to Mobile which had 8.56 miles per dollar. Thus, Pensacola was more expensive than Mobile because the consumer gets fewer miles per dollar when departing from Pensacola on an excursion fare. The second finding is that Orlando, again, was less expensive than Mobile. No other departure city showed a significant, overall savings over Mobile.

Our findings conclude that citizens of the Mobile area generally do not pay higher air fares than people leaving from New Orleans, Pensacola, or other airports. □

FOOTNOTES

[1] Reggi Ann Dubin, "The Air Traffic Jam Could Bring Back Regulation," Businessweek, September 24, 1984.
[2] See Mobile Press Register, April 4, 1984, p. 1, article entitled "Airlines in Mobile Hit."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Child Support Payments: Too Little, Too Late

The Census Bureau regularly issues a report on child support and alimony. The most recent report covers the time through spring of 1984. Some of the findings are as follows:

- As of spring 1984, 8.7 million women were living with children under 21 years of age whose fathers were not living in the households. Fifty-eight percent or about 5.0 million of these women had been awarded child support payments.
- Of the women who were due child support payments, half received the full amount. The remaining half received either partial payment or no payment at all.
- The proportion of women who had been awarded child support payments as of 1984 was higher for whites (67 percent) than for blacks (34 percent) or those of Spanish origin (41 percent).
- Women with four or more years of college were more likely to have been awarded support payments (71 percent) than women with four years of high school (61 percent). There was also some evidence that women with a high school education were less likely to receive payments than women with four or more years of college.
- Of those women who received payment, the average amount was $1,470 for black women and $2,480 for white women.
- Health insurance was included in one-fourth of the awards to blacks compared with one-half of whites.

Further information can be found in *Child Support and Alimony: 1983*, Series P-23, No. 148. An advanced report with the same title but with less detail, Series P-23, No. 141 was issued a few months earlier. Neither report has data specific to Alabama; the scope is national. Both reports are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, or from a government documents depository library.

Child Support Payments

(Numbers in thousands)

Award and recipiency status of women	1983		1981		1978	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	8,690	100.0	8,387	100.0	7,094	100.0
Awarded	5,015	57.7	4,969	59.2	4,196	59.1
Supposed to receive payments	3,995	46.0	4,043	48.2	3,424	48.3
Not supposed to receive payments	1,020	11.7	926	11.0	772	10.9
Not awarded	3,675	42.3	3,417	40.7	2,898	40.9
Supposed to receive payments	3,995	100.0	4,043	100.0	3,424	100.0
Actually received payments	3,037	76.0	2,902	71.8	2,455	71.6
Received full amount	2,018	50.5	1,888	46.7	1,675	948.9
Received partial amount	1,019	25.5	1,014	25.1	779	22.7
Did not receive payments	958	24.0	1,140	28.2	969	28.4

After-School Care

The Bureau of the Census has recently released a study of the after-school arrangements made for 28.9 million children ages 5 through 13 who are enrolled in school.

Eight million of them regularly spent time during nonschool hours alone or in the care of someone other than a parent. However, 72 percent of all five- to 13-year-old students were regularly supervised by a parent during all nonschool hours and the vast majority of those who were not cared for by their parents were cared for by some other adult.

Only about two percent were reported regularly to spend some time not supervised by an adult before school, seven percent were not supervised after school, and only one percent were not supervised at night.

The parent who most often provided the supervision was the mother. For children whose mothers worked full time, arrangements were more varied and household type had a stronger impact. In the cases of fulltime working mothers, the children were more likely to be cared for by other relatives (including adult siblings), nonrelatives, another child, or to care for themselves.

The proportion without adult supervision after school varied from one percent of five-year-olds to 14 percent of 13-year-olds. Caring for a five- or six-year old after school is different from caring for a 12- or 13-year old. The former may require rather frequent monitoring while the latter can assume greater responsibility.

Education and occupation of mother and household income are related to after-school care arrangements for school-age children. Children whose mothers were better educated or in white collar occupations and children in higher income households were more likely than others to be reported as unsupervised by an adult after school. Such an arrangement may be based on life circumstances rather than expense of care.

Children whose mothers were better educated or in higher income households may have been less likely to have other relatives available for child care. They may have lived in neighborhoods which they perceived as safe for older children in self care. Self care may be a product of confidence in the child and the environment for some parents, as much as it is produced by the lack of alternatives or the inability to pay for care among others.

Children of mothers who had not completed high school or were in occupations subject to shift work (service workers or operators) or geographically isolated (farming) were more likely to be in parental care only, while those with mothers in "executive and managerial," or "technical, sales and administrative" occupations (less likely to do shift work) were less likely to receive only parental care, and more likely to receive care from other people.

The report does not report differences among regions of the country and has no data specific to Alabama. Copies of *After-School Care of School- Age Children: December 1984,* Current Population Reports, Special Studies, Series P-23, No. 149 are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., or from a government documents depository library.

HOW POOR IS POOR?

The Bureau of the Census has calculated the estimated new poverty thresholds for 1985, which measure how many people fell below the government's official poverty line last year. In 1984, 14.4 percent of the population, or 33.7 million people, were below the poverty line. The numbers in the table below are national averages, not Alabama averages. Data specific to our state are not available.

Families and persons are classified as living in poverty if their cash income falls below the official poverty line. Noncash income, such as food stamps, medical services, and school lunches, is not counted.

One person under age 65:	$5,590
One person age 65 or over:	5,160
Two persons, head of household under 65:	7,230
Two persons, head of household 65 or over:	6,510
Three persons:	8,570
Four persons:	10,990
Five persons:	13,010
Six persons:	14,710
Seven persons:	16,670
Eight persons:	18,600
Nine or more persons:	22,010

Source: *Estimates of Poverty Including the Value of Noncash Benefits:* 1985, Technical Paper 56, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1986. □

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ALABAMA

A recent report by the U.S. Department of Commerce found that foreign direct investment in the United States grew 11.2 percent in 1985, compared with a 20 percent increase in 1984. The slowdown reflected slower economic growth and the drop in U.S. interest rates. The Department of Commerce defines direct investment as the book value of an investor's equity in, and net outstanding loans to, a foreign affiliate.

The Alabama Development Office reports that there are approximately 125 foreign manufacturing investors in Alabama. They range in size from five employees to 1,500 employees. Dunlop Tires and McMillan Bloedel are among the largest.

The United Kingdom is the country with the most number of firms in the state. There are 26 British firms in Alabama. Finland also has a presence in our state.

Finland's small cement companies in Alabama may make it the second most represented foreign country. With Japan's recent investment in Tuscaloosa and Montgomery, Japan could well take over Finland's second place spot.

Alabama has 20 different foreign countries represented with over 2 billion dollars of investment accounting for over 3,000 jobs. ☐

ALABAMA SMALL BUSINESSES

Small firms with fewer than 500 employees have always contributed to Alabama's economy. Small firms contributed the majority of the net new jobs added to the state's economy between 1982 and 1984, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. These firms created more than 15,400 new jobs in the two-year period.

In 1985 Alabama reported 6,139 new business incorporations, a 2.3 percent increase over the U.S. increase of 5.3 percent during the same time period. From 1984 to 1985 Alabama business failures decreased by 21.3 percent, while the number of business failures increased 9.6 percent for the nation. Business bankruptcy filings, another measure of business exit, decreased by 1.9 percent, in contrast with the U.S. increase of 11.5 percent during the same time period.

Among the states, Alabama ranked:

- 28th in the number of small firms (less than 500 employees) in the Small Business Data Base in 1984 with 45,151 small businesses. Between 1982 and 1984 Alabama ranked 22nd in the rate of increase in the number of small businesses in the Small Business Data Base.
- 31st in the number of new business incorporations in 1985 and 30th in the rate of increase of new business incorporations between 1984 and 1985.
- 45th in proprietorship income growth between 1984 and 1985, with a decrease of 3.6 percent.
- 27th in the percent of women-owned sole proprietorships in 1983 with 27.3 percent of proprietorships in the state owned by women.
- 28th in the number of business failures in 1985 with 607 failures, and 45th in the rate of change in the number of business failures between 1984 and 1985 with a decrease of 21.3 percent.
- 28th in the number of business bankruptcies between 1984 and 1985, with a decrease of 1.9 percent.

These statistics were prepared for the White House Conference on Small Business by the Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration, Washington, D.C. ☐

COMPARE YOUR CITY WITH OTHERS ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MONIES

(Dollars Per Capita)

MUNICIPALITY	REVENUE SHARING	OTHER GRANT AWARDS	DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS	ALL OTHER PROCUREMENT AWARDS	DIRECT LOANS	GUARANTEED LOANS AND INSURANCE
Anniston	28.11	101.45	761.79	6.76	-	47.73
Birmingham	28.61	350.82	473.97	97.23	14.89	20.68
Decatur	17.44	27.44	201.06	331.79	-	7.54
Dothan	17.56	33.64	496.64	30.68	-	13.63
Florence	15.31	50.85	27.79	4.33	7.23	24.58
Gadsden	28.45	169.70	933.84	97.91	5.47	1.80
Huntsville	15.95	102.95	3,789.31	2,502.34	-	12.21
Mobile	23.27	81.41	245.45	13.81	17.84	15.06
Montgomery	20.76	2,780.33	56.89	151.85	1.52	7.91
Tuscaloosa	28.54	83.50	302.24	89.90	1.50	8.70

When it comes to revenues from the federal government, how do the large cities of our state compare on a per capita basis? This table was compiled from the Bureau of the Census's *Consolidated Federal Funds Report, Fiscal year 1985*, the most recent available. Of course, comparing cities cannot be done extremely accurately because of varying legal authority, services provided to residents, and geographical considerations.

The figure for "Other Grant Awards" is artificially high for Montgomery because it is the capital city. While many federal dollars are initially received in the city of Montgomery (and initial receipt is how this report is compiled), those monies are subsequently "passed through" to other places in Alabama. ☐

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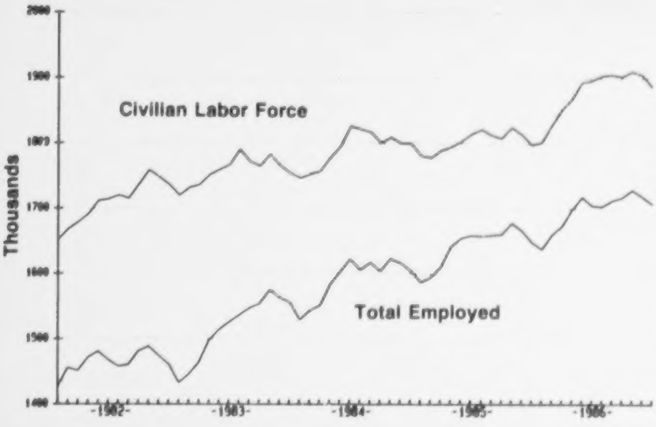

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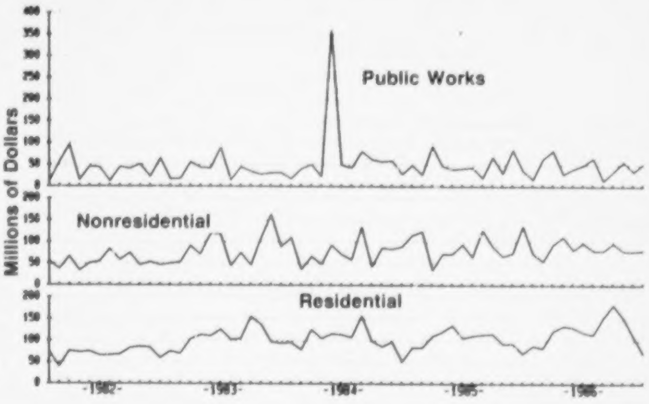

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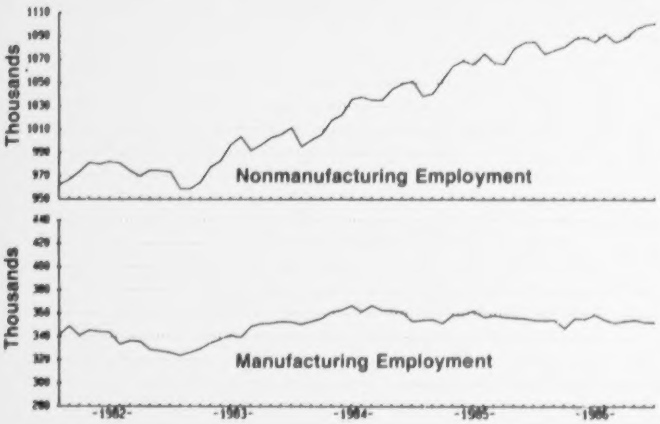

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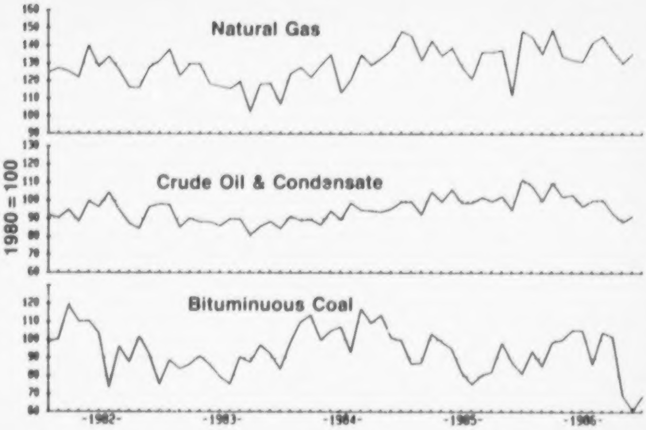

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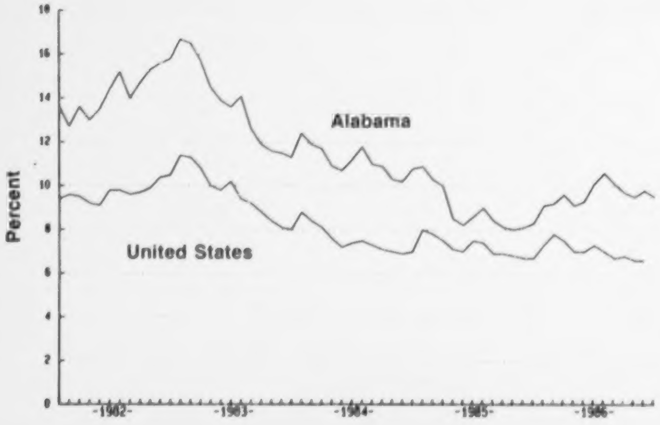

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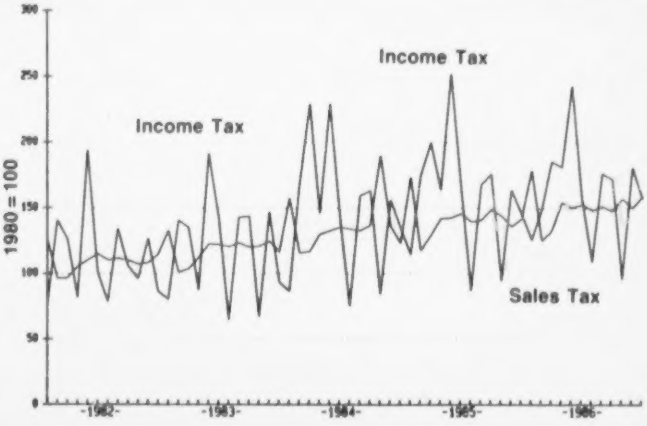

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS
FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985		1986										
	1984	1985	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	28,068	23,421	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,179	142,268	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	33,760
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,470	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,247	23,537	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	518	511	550	509	558	556	548	541	523	526	496	576	543
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,885,600	252,100	240,400	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	288,400	221,300
Residential	1,232,400	1,240,900	92,800	74,300	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000
Nonresidential	920,000	1,062,900	74,500	127,700	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000
Public works and utilities	873,100	581,800	84,700	38,500	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	116	85	102	93	123	131	117	124	121	119	117	126	85
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,547	6,287	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,842	2,772,554	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033
Franchise	64,477	69,838	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984
Income	1,009,832	1,084,829	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972
Motor fuels	50,278	51,921	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661
Oil/gas privilege	70,182	64,950	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,600	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737	827	664	597
Sales	704,299	730,389	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387
2.2% Gross receipts	54,766	54,972	84	0	13,957	1	1	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0
TVA electric	36,733	42,844	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842
Tobacco	70,023	72,774	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031
Use	75,724	79,253	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880
Utility	151,260	156,209	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.3	.2	.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	.3	.5	0	.2	.5	.1	.1
Food	302.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6
Housing	336.5	349.9	355.0	355.6	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1
Transportation	311.7	319.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3
Medical care	379.5	403.1	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6
Energy	423.6	426.5	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	309.5	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.7	298.3	298.7
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	324.7	325.1	323.8	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.8	309.3	309.8
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.321	.310	.306	.305	.305	.305	.307	.307	.306	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302
Wholesale prices	.322	.324	.323	.322	.324	.329	.333	.336	.334	.335	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0	1,893.5	1,896.8	1,904.1	1,905.3	1,902.2	1,910.5	1,904.9
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5	175.5	192.3	200.9	192.5	184.9	181.6	186.6
Unemployment rate	11.2	8.9	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.3	10.1	10.6	10.1	9.7	9.5	9.8
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5	1,718.0	1,704.5	1,703.2	1,712.8	1,717.3	1,728.9	1,718.3
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5	1,443.9	1,446.5	1,436.6	1,442.1	1,451.1	1,452.4
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3	358.8	354.4	351.8	353.7	354.7	352.5
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7	174.5	175.9	175.6	176.6	176.1	171.5	171.2	172.9	172.6
Lumber and wood products	29.6	29.2	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1	28.6	29.0	28.6	29.2	28.9	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6	25.5	25.2	24.1	23.8	23.8	23.6
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.5
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1	22.4	22.6	22.1	22.6	22.6	22.3
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.2	20.0	19.8
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	22.8	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.4
Transportation	25.4	26.6	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.7	28.4	25.8	25.9	27.5	27.8
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9	19.0	18.9	19.2	18.7	18.9	18.6	19.0	18.8
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7	182.2	178.3	180.3	182.5	181.8	179.9
Food	28.0	28.9	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.8	30.2	30.5	30.4
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8	37.6	37.3	37.8	37.5	37.7	37.6
Apparel	55.6	52.7	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9	50.6	51.7	50.7	51.5	51.4	50.4	48.9
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0	21.5	19.2	19.3	21.4	21.2	21.2
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.6	16.8	16.8	17.0	17.1	17.0	16.9
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2	1,085.1	1,092.1	1,084.8	1,088.4	1,096.4	1,099.9
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.8
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7	72.2	74.4	74.5	73.5	73.3	73.0
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4	71.0	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	70.9
Trade	291.3	303.2	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3	312.8	316.2	317.3	318.2	319.3	322.2
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8	76.3	77.4	77.0	77.1	77.4	76.9
Retail	217.6	227.1	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5	236.5	238.8	240.3	241.1	241.9	245.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9	69.7	70.4	70.4	70.2	70.1	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3	247.3	247.7	247.1	249.1	248.7	248.8
Government	293.4	297.3	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2	299.9	299.2	291.4	294.2	301.4	303.0
Federal	64.9	65.2	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8	64.0	64.3	64.6	64.7	64.5	64.6	64.8
State and local	228.4	232.1	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2	235.6	234.6	226.7	229.7	236.8	238.2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985		1986										
	1984	1985	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409	18,856	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,648	6,392	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573	32,598	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,910	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497	15,660	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,673	15,257	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170	15,290	15,260	15,590	15,620	15,740	15,650	15,660	16,010	15,980
	9.6	8.7	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	5.9	6.9	7.9	8.7	7.6	8.2	9.3	9.5
Baldwin	35,529	37,577	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070	38,400	38,650	39,170	39,080	39,670	39,140	38,630	38,760	39,050
	10.9	7.7	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.6	9.5	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.9
Barbour	12,220	11,513	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340	11,620	11,640	11,880	11,860	11,840	12,030	12,250	12,100	12,030
	10.5	10.5	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.1	9.3	9.1	10.2	10.1	9.4	9.7	10.7	9.5	9.2
Bibb	6,238	6,880	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990	6,960	7,060	7,250	7,500	7,460	7,460	7,470	7,550	7,470
	16.6	12.4	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8	11.8	13.8	12.8	12.8	11.6	11.6	11.4	11.3	14.0
Blount	16,767	17,227	17,280	17,180	17,220	17,680	18,660	18,080	18,380	18,470	18,360	18,380	18,400	18,460	18,570
	11.0	6.9	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6	10.8	6.9	7.9	8.4	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.7	8.4
Bullock	4,522	3,678	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590	3,600	3,630	3,960	3,840	4,030	3,970	3,930	4,040	3,970
	14.5	16.4	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2	15.9	14.6	20.0	17.2	20.0	19.0	16.5	16.5	18.1
Butler	9,798	9,076	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830	9,000	9,320	9,460	9,530	9,170	9,500	9,420	9,530	9,610
	13.8	12.3	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6	10.4	11.4	11.1	15.2	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.0	11.3
Calhoun	47,501	49,983	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520	50,780	51,410	51,760	52,270	52,650	52,560	52,760	52,740	52,740
	11.3	8.9	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.4	10.1	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.6	9.6
Chambers	16,508	16,933	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,160	17,240	17,360	17,540	17,460	17,950	17,640	17,450	17,330	17,310
	9.3	8.8	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.1	8.0	8.9	12.2	9.4	9.1	8.1	7.8
Cherokee	11,663	7,963	7,790	7,530	7,610	7,670	7,700	7,880	8,190	8,070	7,950	8,040	8,020	7,960	7,870
	14.1	14.7	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2	22.0	13.9	12.6	13.3	12.6	11.0	10.1	10.9	11.8
Chilton	16,185	15,129	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350	15,420	15,690	15,990	16,000	16,070	16,000	16,090	16,470	16,270
	11.3	10.3	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.6	9.3	9.9	11.3	12.8
Choctaw	5,797	6,541	6,660	6,580	6,620	6,610	6,910	7,000	7,090	7,260	7,400	7,200	7,180	7,160	7,150
	16.2	14.6	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4	19.7	16.0	16.3	17.9	18.8	15.3	13.7	13.5	16.5
Clarke	10,628	11,044	10,870	11,010	11,100	11,150	11,220	11,320	11,380	11,410	11,450	11,490	11,400	11,650	11,630
	14.3	9.9	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	15.7	11.0	10.4	11.0	10.6	9.9	9.9	10.3	10.8
Clay	7,574	6,397	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270	6,570	6,790	6,690	6,540	6,440	6,540	6,430	6,480	6,400
	10.9	11.1	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7	20.1	23.4	24.2	12.0	11.6	11.9	13.0	12.3	9.9
Cleburne	5,251	5,766	5,710	5,680	5,660	5,650	5,600	5,910	6,010	5,940	5,920	6,100	6,150	6,110	5,920
	10.2	9.1	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4	10.2	7.8	6.7	6.9	7.5	9.1	14.8	8.1	6.6
Coffee	20,212	17,034	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220	17,450	17,510	17,910	17,650	17,320	17,780	17,770	18,030	17,690
	8.4	7.2	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.7	8.4	8.3	7.8	9.3	10.4	10.0
Colbert	23,913	24,545	24,210	23,960	24,110	24,470	24,540	25,050	25,220	25,260	25,550	25,520	25,540	25,390	25,270
	16.4	13.1	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1	11.9	12.8	12.2	13.8	14.9	14.1	14.0	12.8	13.2
Conecuh	7,214	6,309	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480	6,800	6,690	6,820	6,750	6,320	6,460	6,460	6,580	6,640
	11.7	10.8	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9	17.3	14.5	14.1	15.2	12.5	15.2	15.1	17.0	17.7
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850	4,920	4,770	4,840	4,780	4,770	4,850	4,940	4,980	4,970
	8.0	7.5	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3	6.8	8.3	8.8	10.1	8.7	8.1	7.3	7.4	7.1
Covington	16,368	17,128	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940	17,020	17,310	17,700	17,480	17,580	17,530	17,850	18,010	18,120
	9.9	9.7	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.1	10.4	9.9	11.5
Crenshaw	7,456	6,104	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880	6,050	6,000	6,240	6,050	6,060	6,140	6,200	6,270	6,140
	11.0	9.1	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.4	13.7	8.0	7.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.9	9.1
Cullman	29,543	30,433	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400	30,670	30,800	31,540	31,360	31,390	31,420	31,950	32,460	31,840
	11.5	9.6	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.3	9.4	9.6	9.1	9.0	8.8	10.0
Dale	22,733	19,531	19,590	19,330	19,500	19,910	20,150	20,450	20,750	20,730	20,820	20,870	21,040	21,310	21,120
	7.6	7.4	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.9	8.3	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.4	8.3	7.8	7.4
Dallas	23,135	22,316	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530	22,790	22,880	23,410	23,510	23,540	23,520	23,380	23,500	23,410
	15.7	15.0	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7	15.0	14.7	15.3	17.1	16.2	15.6	15.1	15.3	16.2
DeKalb	30,829	27,461	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350	27,880	27,970	28,810	29,020	29,440	29,680	29,650	29,560	29,230
	10.8	10.4	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	9.0	9.1	10.1	10.5	9.6	9.6	9.1	9.7
Elmore	20,767	20,784	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870	21,090	21,180	21,560	21,400	21,380	21,420	21,220	21,460	21,580
	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.2	6.4	7.3
Escambia	18,103	16,738	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920	17,120	17,290	17,610	17,430	17,490	17,610	17,420	17,370	17,290
	12.1	9.9	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	14.0	11.2	11.2	11.6	11.3	10.1	10.0	10.3	11.2
Etowah	42,608	42,225	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060	43,680	43,660	44,480	44,000	44,570	44,220	43,750	43,540	43,620
	13.5	10.3	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8	16.3	12.9	14.3	13.1	13.7	12.0	11.5	11.1	11.8
Fayette	10,438	8,229	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140	8,160	8,200	8,210	8,060	8,020	8,160	8,200	8,190	8,160
	9.5	14.3	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9	13.5	14.2	12.9	13.1	13.8	13.5	13.8	13.1	12.7
Franklin	14,823	15,046	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950	14,970	15,110	15,000	15,200	15,540	15,470	15,020	15,090	15,090
	18.6	13.7	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9	14.2	12.7	11.5	13.2	16.6	13.9	12.6	12.3	12.3
Geneva	11,740	10,714	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740	11,040	11,020	11,380	11,170	11,240	11,140	11,260	11,470	10,950
	8.2	9.5	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.7	10.0	8.2	8.4	8.7	7.7
Greene	4,763	3,841	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,760	3,950	3,810	3,890	3,870	3,940	3,990	4,030	4,050	4,040
	17.1	17.6	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0	17.2	13.8	13.4	15.1	15.2	14.8	14.6	14.8	15.2
Hale	5,480	5,891	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800	5,900	5,980	6,280	6,230	6,230	6,370	6,360	6,440	6,410
	17.1	11.3	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.6	11.0	9.8	11.5	9.5	8.9	10.9
Henry	7,294	6,748	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790	6,840	6,780	6,890	6,820	6,740	6,780	7,030	7,010	6,840
	9.4	10.6	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.4	8.6	9.5	10.0	8.7	9.0	7.6	7.8
Houston	36,547	33,718	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480	34,750	35,470	35,730	35,480	36,040	35,900	36,190	36,620	36,560
	9.0	8.4	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	8.8	9.7	8.9	9.4	10.4	9.1	9.0	8.4	8.6
Jackson	19,785	20,483	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700	20,800	20,580	20,950	21,130	21,120	21,150	21,320	21,430	21,680
	16.8	12.3	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	12.7	12.4	14.7	15.4	13.9	13.0	12.1	16.6
Jefferson	303,502	312,343	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270	322,760	327,950	330,520	332,560	335,200	336,870	337,020	337,360	336,860
	9.8	6.9	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.8	8.5	9.1	8.8	8.4	8.4
Lamar	9,346	8,808	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760	8,830	8,900	9,010	9,020	9,220	9,010	9,130	9,080	9,070
	7.3	8.0	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.4	11.4	9.5	10.4	8.9	8.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985		1986										
	1984	1985	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lauderdale	35,599 14.8	36,158 10.9	36,050 10.2	35,820 10.6	35,670 11.6	36,560 12.0	36,680 10.9	36,840 10.4	37,510 10.7	37,740 12.8	37,340 12.0	37,300 11.1	37,420 11.2	37,620 11.0	37,210 10.8
Lawrence	13,445 15.1	12,636 12.7	12,740 13.4	12,420 14.0	12,450 15.2	12,590 15.0	12,720 14.2	12,730 14.0	13,050 12.4	12,980 13.5	13,080 13.9	13,450 15.4	13,100 12.7	13,280 13.4	13,060 14.1
Lee	38,473 6.6	37,752 7.0	37,980 6.6	37,330 7.7	37,300 7.3	38,180 8.6	38,240 7.0	38,460 6.9	38,660 6.9	38,000 8.2	38,130 9.9	37,580 7.7	37,390 8.1	37,740 7.4	37,910 7.1
Limestone	20,225 10.8	27,043 7.1	28,590 6.8	27,990 7.0	28,300 8.3	28,700 9.2	29,070 9.2	29,410 8.4	29,860 8.4	29,590 9.2	29,540 9.5	29,440 11.4	30,120 7.6	30,290 8.1	30,050 8.1
Lowndes	5,096 18.3	4,636 14.1	4,640 10.3	4,530 10.4	4,360 11.5	4,420 12.1	4,530 12.3	4,540 13.7	4,660 14.2	4,700 18.0	4,800 17.1	4,960 17.9	5,010 15.6	5,010 15.6	5,000 16.3
Macon	8,147 11.1	10,453 8.5	10,490 8.6	10,330 8.5	10,340 8.9	10,420 8.5	10,490 8.2	10,590 8.1	10,800 9.1	10,560 10.2	10,720 10.1	10,680 9.4	10,570 8.4	10,740 9.5	10,560 8.8
Madison	117,779 7.1	117,762 5.9	119,830 5.8	119,020 5.5	119,030 5.9	120,730 6.1	122,630 6.7	123,790 6.3	125,440 6.4	127,470 7.9	126,890 7.7	126,560 8.1	127,180 7.7	127,530 7.6	127,620 7.5
Marengo	9,722 14.2	9,934 10.6	9,820 9.4	9,690 9.2	9,600 10.0	9,750 9.7	10,140 15.5	9,960 10.2	10,110 9.7	10,120 10.6	10,300 13.6	10,180 10.4	10,080 9.5	10,170 9.6	10,040 10.5
Marion	13,584 14.9	15,278 13.8	15,470 12.7	15,420 13.0	15,560 13.9	15,550 13.4	15,640 13.0	15,810 12.9	16,040 11.8	16,030 12.9	16,440 16.7	16,310 14.7	16,270 14.8	16,330 14.0	16,310 15.3
Marshall	33,047 12.6	35,615 8.7	35,770 7.4	35,260 7.9	35,960 11.7	36,110 10.1	37,050 16.3	36,980 10.2	37,500 10.4	37,870 12.0	38,190 14.2	37,440 11.1	37,600 10.6	37,490 10.2	37,570 11.2
Mobile	164,727 12.7	166,738 9.4	167,630 8.8	166,330 9.1	166,590 10.0	169,200 10.0	171,160 10.4	172,670 10.4	175,480 10.7	176,290 11.7	176,720 11.5	176,820 11.3	174,160 11.3	174,160 10.9	173,890 10.9
Monroe	11,138 15.9	9,085 13.5	9,060 11.5	9,000 12.7	8,920 12.8	8,970 12.0	10,200 27.8	9,300 13.7	9,330 11.7	9,190 11.5	9,280 10.9	9,510 10.1	9,510 9.4	9,550 10.4	9,610 13.1
Montgomery	96,607 8.8	91,901 7.2	92,390 6.5	91,850 6.7	91,340 7.0	93,020 6.8	93,800 6.7	94,610 7.0	96,370 7.8	96,130 8.3	96,050 8.3	96,040 7.8	95,560 7.8	96,730 8.1	96,560 8.3
Morgan	38,872 11.5	43,368 8.1	43,580 7.9	43,290 7.9	43,710 9.3	44,010 9.6	44,620 9.5	45,070 9.1	45,620 8.7	46,080 10.1	46,220 10.8	46,640 11.9	45,540 9.9	45,830 10.0	45,550 9.9
Perry	5,820 13.3	5,336 13.2	5,410 14.4	5,260 18.7	5,170 14.5	5,110 9.1	5,250 11.0	5,230 9.6	5,500 11.7	5,390 12.3	5,450 12.7	5,530 12.9	5,490 10.7	5,590 10.5	5,600 15.8
Pickens	7,085 15.9	6,965 15.2	7,080 13.5	6,770 13.4	6,730 13.5	6,900 14.4	6,950 14.1	7,070 14.3	7,420 14.3	7,230 15.0	7,350 15.7	7,540 16.6	7,580 14.3	7,790 15.7	7,610 15.9
Pike	13,562 10.1	11,773 8.0	12,110 7.1	11,300 8.0	11,780 7.9	11,970 8.3	12,090 8.0	12,160 7.7	12,460 8.0	12,400 8.9	12,200 9.9	12,320 9.8	12,460 7.8	12,660 8.8	12,380 9.0
Randolph	8,792 14.9	8,865 9.6	9,140 7.3	9,050 7.4	9,010 7.5	9,130 6.9	9,190 7.3	9,300 7.5	9,320 11.4	9,120 10.4	9,060 10.0	9,510 12.9	9,260 10.8	9,350 9.6	9,470 8.6
Russell	19,293 12.8	20,634 10.5	20,620 9.6	20,940 10.8	20,890 11.0	20,860 10.0	21,030 10.1	21,020 9.6	21,000 9.3	21,120 9.8	21,110 10.3	21,260 10.0	21,100 9.5	21,300 10.7	21,240 10.4
St. Clair	19,403 11.5	20,691 8.1	20,630 6.5	20,500 6.2	20,640 7.5	21,040 7.9	21,300 7.3	21,380 6.7	21,710 7.5	22,030 8.9	22,250 9.9	36,020 6.8	36,120 6.7	37,080 8.6	36,370 7.1
Shelby	31,912 10.3	34,261 7.0	34,330 5.9	34,190 5.7	34,440 7.1	34,870 6.9	35,010 5.5	35,550 5.9	35,940 6.4	36,230 7.2	36,240 7.3	21,720 7.8	21,790 7.7	21,860 7.5	21,790 7.4
Sumter	7,249 11.6	6,147 13.7	6,150 15.4	5,830 14.5	5,950 18.3	6,020 19.3	6,140 21.4	6,240 21.1	6,400 21.1	6,460 26.3	6,490 25.5	6,410 22.8	6,250 18.4	6,230 18.1	6,160 18.3
Talladega	31,153 15.7	31,537 13.1	31,000 11.0	30,890 10.4	30,970 11.1	31,380 11.0	31,750 11.1	32,180 11.3	32,610 11.3	32,850 12.6	33,210 13.7	33,370 13.1	33,140 13.0	33,060 12.4	32,770 12.2
Tallapoosa	17,304 9.4	18,258 8.2	18,420 7.1	18,220 7.4	18,280 8.3	18,640 7.9	18,490 7.1	18,800 6.5	19,250 7.5	19,600 8.8	19,770 9.5	19,910 8.3	19,620 7.8	19,620 7.5	19,620 7.0
Tuscaloosa	58,145 9.6	64,346 6.8	65,860 6.2	65,500 6.5	65,720 6.9	66,900 7.1	67,470 7.0	68,410 6.9	68,810 7.8	67,440 8.6	67,310 8.4	68,770 8.3	70,010 7.6	70,140 7.2	70,100 7.5
Walker	32,554 13.3	33,097 9.9	32,880 8.0	32,870 8.3	34,990 14.4	35,650 14.8	35,880 13.8	36,370 13.9	36,440 13.6	36,990 15.0	37,030 15.1	35,410 11.4	35,100 10.3	34,840 9.0	35,270 10.3
Washington	6,491 18.0	5,855 14.9	5,820 14.1	5,810 15.9	5,990 17.2	5,910 15.6	6,100 18.8	6,050 16.8	6,160 17.1	6,270 20.0	6,260 20.8	6,010 17.1	6,060 16.6	6,080 15.8	6,080 16.8
Wilcox	5,475 15.3	4,391 16.4	4,340 15.9	4,240 15.5	4,210 15.8	4,270 15.7	4,350 16.3	4,400 16.8	4,510 16.7	4,560 19.2	4,480 19.1	4,440 17.6	4,320 16.2	4,410 15.7	4,370 16.5
Winston	9,264 19.6	10,488 17.1	10,510 19.5	10,240 20.7	10,630 24.1	10,710 24.1	10,740 22.9	10,700 21.3	10,580 18.4	10,550 19.0	10,580 19.1	10,620 19.2	10,480 16.8	10,460 16.1	10,560 20.0
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value (*$1,000*)	726,362	774,985	43,648	53,389	58,252	70,563	62,021	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	
Shipping weight (*1,000,000 lbs.*)	9,484	13,402	1,056	816	984	1,427	1,232	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961	
Exports															
Value (*$1,000*)	622,948	602,564	77,169	96,664	77,115	82,535	77,691	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	
Shipping weight (*1,000,000 lbs.*)	21,911	22,799	1,833	2,074	2,588	2,214	1,620	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541	
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] (*1,000 tons*)	38,792	38,242	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, nonindustrial purposes (*1,000,000 kwh*)	24,284	25,020	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808
Gasoline sales[8] (*1,000 gallons*)	1,905,267	1,881,466	150,060	162,477	159,132	142,757	163,267	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	
New passenger car registrations[9] (*number*)	141,896	153,540	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[10] (*$1,000,000*)															
Food	3,630	3,402													
General stores with food and gas	173	258													
General merchandise	2,379	2,329													
Apparel	566	633													
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	542	679													
Automotive	3,079	3,272													
Gasoline service stations	294	262													
Lumber and building materials	888	1,153													
Hardware and farm implements	422	264													
Eating places	1,284	1,312													
Drug stores	264	266													
All other retail	2,151	1,826													
Total sales by retail concerns	15,671	15,655													
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	2,612	3,870													
Total all sales at retail	18,284	19,525	1,623	1,933	1,529	1,441	1,430	1,740	1,835	1,710	1,765	1,741	1,888	1,797	

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985		1986										
	1984	1985	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[10] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,037	548,535	47,949	57,797	43,027	41,428	47,696	50,225	53,484	50,141	51,897	57,967	55,550	51,909	
Birmingham	5,020,295	5,372,797	449,206	530,835	428,225	409,891	443,444	481,249	502,577	464,075	478,925	537,480	540,750	509,297	
Dothan	641,532	667,274	53,015	65,796	51,738	50,433	51,367	57,776	61,678	56,302	57,464	58,037	59,201	56,794	
Florence	611,592	649,060	55,201	67,200	50,230	46,882	50,911	56,319	58,710	56,291	57,222	60,319	61,333	55,608	
Gadsden	458,793	475,794	39,536	45,943	35,773	34,256	38,737	45,006	44,603	41,865	45,712	46,544	47,613	43,320	
Huntsville	1,047,074	1,167,841	97,849	116,366	92,682	86,560	89,169	99,111	104,349	98,002	102,183	107,759	108,141	105,873	
Mobile	2,079,628	2,193,958	175,991	212,496	174,432	159,268	[illegible]	194,536	207,480	197,813	203,115	206,404	200,999	186,214	
Montgomery	1,427,914	1,519,268	122,689	153,332	116,361	114,287	[illegible]	135,193	142,416	132,898	138,377	138,636	146,273	137,753	
Tuscaloosa	630,169	677,217	57,549	68,010	55,221	50,920	54,541	60,685	60,874	58,510	60,224	67,910	65,704	65,679	
Counties															
Autauga	96,681	105,954	8,148	9,762	8,808	8,120	9,158	9,362	9,196	8,837	10,438	11,418	12,707	11,331	
Baldwin	343,603	356,776	26,301	30,322	25,775	25,487	27,540	32,162	34,795	34,535	37,009	33,631	29,563	27,299	
Barbour	71,569	75,360	6,132	7,551	5,825	5,782	5,906	6,467	7,632	7,024	7,209	6,851	6,680	6,754	
Bibb	41,388	44,116	3,906	4,429	3,478	3,446	3,844	4,028	4,426	4,362	4,275	4,403	4,223	4,311	
Blount	88,957	100,669	8,727	9,208	7,992	7,113	7,528	8,305	8,924	8,336	8,078	8,992	8,755	8,839	
Bullock	26,076	25,663	2,098	2,798	2,345	2,096	2,034	1,986	1,999	2,038	2,105	2,193	1,957	1,931	
Butler	65,540	63,167	5,100	5,973	5,109	4,688	5,019	5,413	5,394	5,335	5,708	5,227	4,884	5,579	
Calhoun	507,735	548,535	47,949	57,797	43,027	41,428	47,696	50,225	53,484	50,141	51,897	57,967	55,550	51,909	
Chambers	106,969	109,358	8,971	10,255	8,643	8,422	9,449	10,138	10,372	9,524	9,953	10,156	9,015	9,402	
Cherokee	47,882	50,330	3,937	4,139	4,286	3,674	3,486	4,763	4,555	4,484	4,267	4,495	4,333	3,971	
Chilton	99,835	109,592	9,304	10,471	8,412	8,460	8,808	9,565	10,734	9,785	11,266	10,482	9,747	9,231	
Choctaw	36,627	38,888	3,298	3,695	3,243	2,743	2,804	3,068	3,189	2,817	3,043	3,161	2,662	2,931	
Clarke	98,413	107,255	8,773	10,614	8,693	7,698	8,610	9,377	10,236	9,634	8,837	8,889	8,912	8,407	
Clay	26,354	26,980	2,117	2,470	2,354	2,129	2,123	2,397	2,477	2,344	2,566	2,607	3,015	2,518	
Cleburne	22,197	23,638	1,661	1,723	1,669	1,725	1,777	1,956	2,266	1,992	2,169	2,048	2,569	2,135	
Coffee	186,084	193,015	16,728	18,537	14,996	13,978	14,949	17,242	19,648	16,958	17,267	17,407	18,383	14,876	
Colbert	249,862	251,472	20,258	23,399	19,130	17,969	19,404	21,972	21,913	21,464	22,211	22,004	23,705	20,807	
Conecuh	37,496	36,959	3,261	3,539	2,704	2,548	2,569	2,815	3,101	2,632	2,953	2,830	2,561	2,636	
Coosa	8,919	10,205	813	914	807	685	781	863	879	1,126	832	775	764	762	
Covington	137,484	137,974	11,207	12,619	10,775	10,174	11,293	11,983	12,501	12,094	12,757	12,130	12,385	10,612	
Crenshaw	30,957	35,535	2,787	3,241	2,857	2,446	3,018	3,073	3,578	3,181	3,088	3,709	3,580	3,657	
Cullman	237,485	251,554	20,905	22,950	18,737	17,763	19,838	23,444	24,517	21,250	23,230	25,553	24,791	24,000	
Dale	104,884	114,605	9,706	11,415	8,566	8,555	8,324	10,105	10,880	9,924	10,119	10,130	10,231	8,976	
Dallas	198,889	208,021	17,298	20,010	15,916	14,867	16,431	17,573	18,623	17,242	17,875	18,467	17,745	16,852	
DeKalb	180,255	190,558	15,110	17,503	14,359	13,800	13,911	16,158	17,773	18,920	16,543	18,066	19,179	17,798	
Elmore	102,062	107,962	8,280	9,420	8,450	8,461	9,148	9,533	10,059	9,757	9,577	9,242	9,465	8,536	
Escambia	141,719	143,326	11,201	14,049	10,713	10,062	10,708	12,169	12,477	11,122	12,309	12,050	12,550	11,131	
Etowah	459,564	475,794	39,536	45,943	35,773	34,256	38,737	45,006	44,603	41,865	45,712	46,544	47,613	43,320	
Fayette	64,900	63,273	4,773	5,278	5,251	5,216	4,424	5,716	6,302	5,941	5,445	5,937	5,968	5,019	
Franklin	99,500	105,794	8,336	9,076	7,710	6,990	7,803	7,943	8,489	7,953	8,480	8,746	8,307	8,010	
Geneva	144,806	145,561	11,692	12,895	11,566	10,772	11,230	12,140	12,204	12,155	11,822	11,778	11,883	11,335	
Greene	18,302	16,901	1,348	1,438	1,363	1,391	1,461	1,529	1,661	1,584	1,523	1,602	1,667	1,294	
Hale	31,283	31,999	2,466	2,703	2,482	2,472	2,503	2,762	2,979	2,766	2,862	2,863	2,962	2,531	
Henry	35,719	38,584	3,293	3,515	3,051	2,706	2,583	3,253	3,113	3,417	3,072	3,464	2,929	2,746	
Houston	538,668	552,669	43,309	54,381	43,172	41,878	43,043	47,671	50,798	46,378	47,345	47,907	48,970	47,818	
Jackson	136,557	146,740	11,877	13,512	10,784	10,039	11,157	13,102	13,477	12,945	13,633	14,345	13,990	13,200	
Jefferson	4,275,224	4,532,918	378,340	453,241	361,222	344,870	373,195	402,120	420,362	388,303	399,822	446,144	451,984	423,644	
Lamar	37,962	37,832	3,118	3,536	3,174	2,941	2,627	3,115	3,704	3,385	3,455	3,581	2,978	3,428	
Lauderdale	362,832	397,588	34,943	43,801	31,100	28,913	31,507	34,347	36,797	34,827	35,011	38,315	37,628	34,801	
Lawrence	51,727	57,998	5,111	6,034	4,323	4,066	4,519	4,580	5,110	4,667	5,256	5,301	4,769	4,965	
Lee	346,847	373,890	33,351	38,733	29,770	26,768	30,479	32,525	35,333	31,187	31,838	31,686	35,367	32,703	
Limestone	161,430	177,907	13,833	16,893	14,132	13,155	14,016	15,480	16,225	15,122	16,321	17,471	17,241	16,693	
Lowndes	16,849	21,624	1,714	2,245	1,587	1,677	1,745	1,816	1,971	1,060	1,925	1,917	2,064	1,681	
Macon	45,109	44,382	3,476	3,832	4,002	3,640	3,544	4,209	4,631	3,872	3,909	4,044	4,409	4,096	
Madison	1,048,678	1,167,841	97,849	116,366	92,682	86,560	89,169	99,111	104,349	98,002	102,183	107,759	108,141	105,873	
Marengo	69,037	77,283	6,486	8,016	6,319	5,874	6,191	6,508	6,688	6,139	6,453	6,616	6,567	6,309	
Marion	95,238	104,158	9,045	10,492	8,719	7,998	8,184	8,792	9,737	9,181	9,058	9,343	8,910	8,595	
Marshall	339,190	383,586	32,462	35,701	28,695	27,933	31,283	33,933	37,628	34,294	36,135	37,454	37,186	35,221	
Mobile	1,756,156	1,837,182	149,690	182,174	148,657	133,781	140,958	162,374	172,685	163,278	166,106	172,773	171,436	158,915	
Monroe	102,682	105,944	11,145	12,111	6,014	5,781	5,314	6,323	6,775	6,630	6,756	7,253	6,511	5,925	
Montgomery	1,230,750	1,305,352	106,261	134,150	99,103	97,706	110,673	116,298	123,161	114,304	118,362	117,976	124,101	117,886	
Morgan	452,269	519,236	45,488	50,125	40,092	37,813	42,693	46,783	49,599	45,996	47,987	50,729	50,757	48,735	
Perry	25,100	24,057	1,915	2,169	1,873	1,844	1,914	2,161	2,106	1,975	2,091	2,226	2,225	2,052	
Pickens	41,328	42,094	3,359	3,705	3,308	3,190	3,143	4,282	4,422	3,822	3,871	4,032	3,895	3,626	
Pike	90,620	99,101	7,957	9,827	8,515	7,648	8,183	9,523	9,721	8,568	8,970	9,598	9,417	8,407	
Randolph	57,856	59,282	4,822	5,639	5,228	4,347	4,428	4,553	4,866	4,164	4,624	5,014	5,122	4,720	
Russell	121,339	123,155	9,862	11,919	9,223	8,722	9,497	11,594	11,552	10,809	11,122	10,903	9,633	10,381	
St. Clair	121,064	137,189	10,752	12,002	10,700	10,845	12,253	13,649	14,568	13,528	13,145	14,958	14,338	12,548	
Shelby	253,238	275,738	23,700	25,578	22,928	21,918	23,986	27,424	27,792	26,617	27,450	31,417	29,860	29,911	
Sumter	30,863	30,584	2,731	3,043	2,402	2,098	2,327	2,630	2,636	2,400	2,560	2,617	2,414	2,514	
Talladega	239,617	258,235	20,630	25,126	20,237	18,858	19,628	23,376	26,914	22,656	25,222	25,557	24,585	25,011	
Tallapoosa	127,374	134,033	11,389	12,632	10,381	10,700	10,281	12,532	13,316	12,764	13,093	13,317	11,834	11,701	
Tuscaloosa	631,255	677,217	57,549	68,010	55,221	50,920	54,541	60,685	60,874	58,510	60,224	67,910	65,704	65,679	
Walker	291,301	326,283	27,687	30,806	25,383	25,145	26,482	29,751	30,931	27,291	30,430	35,969	35,813	34,355	
Washington	21,658	20,665	1,622	1,556	1,642	1,533	1,241	1,693	1,867	1,724	1,990	1,968	2,184	1,663	
Wilcox	27,993	25,919	2,188	2,323	2,075	1,839	1,796	2,105	2,242	1,910	2,260	2,148	2,004	1,995	
Winston	71,276	80,242	7,058	7,581	6,217	5,673	6,173	7,210	7,675	6,766	7,455	7,488	6,883	7,027	
Statewide[10]	971,276	1,077,662	97,083	132,649	86,116	80,037	93,652	106,658	114,179	111,905	115,343	139,388	127,952	133,241	

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS
FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985	1986											
	1984	1985	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	28,068	23,421	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,179	142,268	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	35,466
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,470	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,247	23,537	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	....
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	511	550	509	558	556	548	541	523	526	496	576	543	560
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,885,600	240,400	189,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	288,400	221,300	201,900
Residential	1,232,400	1,240,900	74,300	93,700	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500
Nonresidential	920,000	1,062,900	127,700	79,700	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500
Public works and utilities	873,100	581,800	38,500	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	85	102	93	123	131	117	124	121	119	117	126	85	75
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,547	6,287	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,842	2,772,554	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165
Franchise	64,477	69,838	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767
Income	1,009,832	1,084,829	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540
Motor fuels	50,278	51,921	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233
Oil/gas privilege	70,182	64,950	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,600	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737	827	664	597	696
Sales	704,299	730,389	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,046	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222
2.2% Gross receipts	54,766	54,972	0	13,957	1	1	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0
TVA electric	36,733	42,844	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842
Tobacco	70,023	72,774	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214
Use	75,724	79,253	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	665
Utility	151,260	156,209	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.2	.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	.3	.5	.0	.2	.5	.0	.1	.1
Food	302.9	309.8	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2
Housing	336.5	349.9	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9
Transportation	311.7	319.9	324.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8
Medical care	379.5	403.1	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8
Energy	423.6	426.5	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.7	298.3	298.7	298.1
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	325.1	323.8	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.8	309.3	309.8	309.3
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.321	.310	.305	.305	.305	.307	.307	.306	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302
Wholesale prices	.322	.324	.322	.324	.329	.333	.336	.334	.335	.336	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,801.0	1,816.3	1,817.4	1,835.8	1,866.4	1,868.9	1,898.8	1,894.5	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	155.3	175.6	181.2	194.6	179.6	184.7	192.2	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8
Unemployment rate	11.2	8.9	8.5	9.7	9.9	10.4	9.6	9.7	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6
Employment	1,592.0	1,641.0	1,661.0	1,641.8	1,654.6	1,671.8	1,689.3	1,714.1	1,702.3	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5	1,443.9	1,446.5	1,436.6	1,442.1	1,451.1	1,452.4	1,474.0
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3	358.8	354.4	351.8	353.7	354.7	352.5	356.0
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	173.7	173.8	173.7	174.5	175.9	175.6	176.6	176.1	171.5	171.2	172.9	172.6	170.9
Lumber and wood products	29.6	29.2	28.2	28.3	28.1	28.6	29.0	28.6	29.2	28.9	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0	28.5
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	9.4
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6	25.5	25.2	24.1	23.8	23.8	23.6	23.1
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.5	4.9
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1	22.4	22.6	22.1	22.6	22.6	22.3	23.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.2	20.0	19.8	20.1
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	22.8	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.4	22.0
Transportation	25.4	26.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.7	28.4	25.8	25.9	27.5	27.8	26.9
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9	19.0	18.9	19.2	18.7	18.9	18.6	19.0	18.8	17.8
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7	182.2	178.3	180.3	182.5	181.8	179.9	185.1
Food	28.0	28.9	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.8	30.2	30.5	30.4	30.9
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8	37.6	37.3	37.8	37.5	37.7	37.6	38.0
Apparel	55.6	52.7	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9	50.6	51.7	50.7	51.5	51.4	50.4	48.9	52.7
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0	21.5	19.2	19.3	21.4	21.2	21.2	21.3
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	12.4
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.0
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.6	16.8	16.8	17.0	17.1	17.0	16.9	16.6
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2	1,085.1	1,092.1	1,084.8	1,088.4	1,096.4	1,099.9	1,118.0
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.8	11.9
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7	72.2	74.4	74.5	73.5	73.3	73.0	75.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4	71.0	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	70.9	71.3
Trade	291.3	303.2	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3	312.8	316.2	317.3	318.2	319.3	322.2	331.6
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8	76.3	77.4	77.0	77.1	77.4	76.9	76.4
Retail	217.6	227.1	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5	236.5	238.8	240.3	241.1	241.9	245.3	255.2
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9	69.7	70.4	70.4	70.2	70.1	70.2	70.0
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3	247.3	247.7	247.1	249.1	248.7	248.8	261.5
Government	293.4	297.3	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2	299.9	299.2	291.4	294.2	301.4	303.0	296.4
Federal	64.9	65.2	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8	64.0	64.3	64.6	64.7	64.5	64.6	64.8	64.9
State and local	228.4	232.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2	235.6	234.6	226.7	229.7	236.8	238.2	231.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985	1986											
	1984	1985	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	14,252	23,564	17,409	18,856	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	5,359	6,225	5,648	6,392	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	40,641	67,431	28,573	32,598	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,910	14,151	20,141	15,497	15,660	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,673 9.6	15,257 8.7	15,090 7.3	14,950 7.2	15,170 6.8	15,290 6.5	15,260 5.9	15,590 6.9	15,620 7.9	15,740 8.7	15,650 7.6	15,660 8.2	16,010 9.3	15,980 9.5	15,800 8.1
Baldwin	35,529 10.9	37,577 7.7	37,710 8.0	37,660 8.7	38,070 8.2	38,400 8.4	38,650 8.1	39,170 8.2	39,080 8.6	39,670 9.5	39,140 8.1	38,630 8.2	38,760 8.1	39,050 8.9	38,640 10.0
Barbour	12,220 10.5	11,513 10.5	11,460 8.2	11,250 8.1	11,340 8.1	11,620 9.3	11,640 9.1	11,880 10.2	11,860 10.1	11,840 9.4	12,030 9.7	12,250 10.7	12,100 9.5	12,030 9.2	11,860 8.4
Bibb	6,238 16.6	6,880 12.4	6,690 13.8	6,790 15.3	6,990 13.8	6,960 11.8	7,060 13.8	7,250 12.8	7,500 12.8	7,460 11.6	7,460 11.6	7,470 11.4	7,550 11.3	7,470 14.0	7,260 16.0
Blount	16,767 11.0	17,227 6.9	17,180 5.6	17,220 6.5	17,680 7.6	18,660 10.8	18,080 6.9	18,380 7.9	18,470 8.4	18,360 8.0	18,380 8.1	18,400 7.9	18,460 7.7	18,570 8.4	16,780 9.4
Bullock	4,522 14.5	3,678 16.4	3,630 18.4	3,570 18.1	3,590 17.2	3,600 15.9	3,630 14.6	3,960 20.0	3,840 17.2	4,030 20.0	3,970 19.0	3,930 16.5	4,040 16.5	3,970 18.1	3,950 18.7
Butler	9,798 13.8	9,076 12.3	8,850 10.3	8,680 11.0	8,830 10.6	9,000 10.4	9,320 11.4	9,460 11.1	9,530 15.2	9,170 11.9	9,500 11.6	9,420 11.4	9,530 11.0	9,610 11.3	9,500 11.0
Calhoun	47,501 11.3	49,983 8.9	49,910 7.8	50,160 8.6	50,520 8.9	50,780 8.8	51,410 8.7	51,760 9.4	52,270 10.1	52,650 10.4	52,560 9.7	52,760 10.0	52,740 9.6	52,740 9.6	51,890 9.5
Chambers	16,508 9.3	16,933 8.8	16,870 7.8	16,770 7.5	17,160 8.0	17,240 7.0	17,360 7.1	17,540 8.0	17,460 8.9	17,950 12.2	17,640 9.4	17,450 9.1	17,330 8.1	17,310 7.8	17,040 7.7
Cherokee	11,663 14.1	7,963 14.7	7,530 13.0	7,610 13.5	7,670 13.2	7,700 22.0	7,880 13.9	8,190 12.6	8,070 13.3	7,950 12.6	8,040 11.0	8,020 10.1	7,960 10.9	7,870 11.8	7,590 12.0
Chilton	16,185 11.3	15,129 10.3	15,020 9.9	15,320 10.8	15,350 10.0	15,420 9.4	15,690 9.1	15,990 9.1	16,000 9.7	16,070 9.6	16,000 9.3	16,090 9.9	16,470 11.3	16,270 12.8	15,560 13.0
Choctaw	5,797 16.2	6,541 14.6	6,580 11.4	6,620 12.1	6,610 12.4	6,910 19.7	7,000 16.0	7,090 16.3	7,260 17.9	7,400 18.8	7,200 15.3	7,180 13.7	7,160 13.5	7,150 16.5	7,070 14.8
Clarke	10,628 14.3	11,044 9.9	11,010 10.7	11,100 10.5	11,150 10.4	11,220 15.7	11,320 11.0	11,380 10.4	11,410 11.0	11,450 10.6	11,490 9.9	11,400 9.9	11,650 10.3	11,630 10.8	11,570 12.0
Clay	7,574 10.9	6,397 11.1	6,290 8.0	6,390 18.2	6,270 9.7	6,570 20.1	6,790 23.4	6,690 24.2	6,540 12.0	6,440 11.6	6,540 11.9	6,430 13.0	6,480 12.3	6,400 9.9	6,110 8.5
Cleburne	5,251 10.2	5,766 9.1	5,680 7.2	5,660 7.2	5,650 8.4	5,600 10.2	5,910 7.8	6,010 6.7	5,940 6.9	5,920 7.5	6,100 9.1	6,150 14.8	6,110 8.1	5,920 6.6	5,680 7.1
Coffee	20,212 8.4	17,034 7.2	16,740 7.4	16,950 8.1	17,220 7.9	17,450 8.3	17,510 7.9	17,910 7.7	17,650 8.4	17,320 8.3	17,780 7.8	17,770 9.3	18,030 10.4	17,690 10.0	17,260 9.5
Colbert	23,913 16.4	24,545 13.1	23,960 11.6	24,110 13.4	24,470 13.1	24,540 11.9	25,050 12.8	25,220 12.2	25,260 13.8	25,550 14.9	25,520 14.1	25,540 14.0	25,390 12.8	25,270 13.2	24,500 14.3
Conecuh	7,214 11.7	6,309 10.8	6,160 10.5	6,380 13.8	6,480 12.9	6,800 17.3	6,690 14.5	6,820 14.1	6,750 15.2	6,320 12.5	6,460 15.2	6,460 15.1	6,580 17.0	6,640 17.7	6,380 19.5
Coosa	5,600 8.0	4,620 7.5	4,810 5.5	4,810 6.9	4,850 7.3	4,920 6.8	4,770 8.3	4,840 8.8	4,780 10.1	4,770 8.7	4,850 8.1	4,940 7.3	4,980 7.4	4,970 7.1	4,680 6.3
Covington	16,368 9.9	17,128 9.7	16,720 8.2	16,660 9.8	16,940 10.1	17,020 10.6	17,310 10.5	17,700 10.3	17,480 10.2	17,580 10.5	17,530 10.1	17,850 10.4	18,010 9.9	18,120 11.5	17,310 10.3
Crenshaw	7,456 11.0	6,104 9.1	5,910 8.6	5,800 8.8	5,880 8.4	6,050 13.7	6,000 8.0	6,240 7.7	6,050 8.7	6,060 8.6	6,140 8.6	6,200 7.8	6,270 7.9	6,140 9.3	6,180 9.5
Cullman	29,543 11.5	30,433 9.6	30,140 8.6	29,910 8.9	30,400 9.6	30,670 9.4	30,800 8.8	31,540 8.3	31,360 9.4	31,390 9.6	31,420 9.1	31,950 9.0	32,460 8.8	31,840 10.0	31,160 9.8
Dale	22,733 7.6	19,531 7.4	19,330 7.0	19,500 7.0	19,910 7.8	20,150 7.9	20,450 8.3	20,750 8.1	20,730 9.2	20,820 9.2	20,870 8.4	21,040 8.3	21,310 7.8	21,120 7.4	16,730 8.7
Dallas	23,135 15.7	22,316 15.0	22,370 15.7	22,430 16.1	22,530 14.7	22,790 15.0	22,880 14.7	23,410 15.3	23,510 17.1	23,540 16.2	23,520 15.6	23,380 15.1	23,500 15.3	23,410 16.2	22,220 16.8
DeKalb	30,829 10.8	27,461 10.4	27,000 9.1	26,940 10.5	27,350 10.4	27,880 10.6	27,970 9.0	28,810 9.1	29,020 10.1	29,440 10.5	29,680 9.6	29,650 9.6	29,560 9.1	29,230 9.7	28,390 9.5
Elmore	20,767 7.7	20,784 7.3	20,850 7.1	20,520 6.5	20,370 6.2	21,090 6.3	21,180 6.2	21,560 6.9	21,400 7.0	21,380 7.0	21,420 6.6	21,220 6.2	21,460 6.4	21,580 7.3	21,090 6.8
Escambia	18,103 12.1	16,738 9.9	16,740 10.3	16,760 9.9	16,920 10.0	17,120 14.0	17,290 11.2	17,610 11.2	17,430 11.6	17,490 11.3	17,610 10.1	17,420 10.0	17,370 10.3	17,290 11.2	16,750 12.7
Etowah	42,608 13.5	42,225 10.3	41,880 9.1	41,790 10.1	43,060 14.8	43,680 16.3	43,660 12.9	44,480 14.3	44,000 13.1	44,570 13.7	44,220 12.0	43,750 11.5	43,540 11.1	43,620 11.8	43,350 11.8
Fayette	10,438 9.5	8,229 14.3	8,010 13.0	8,060 13.6	8,140 12.9	8,160 13.5	8,200 14.2	8,210 12.9	8,060 13.1	8,020 13.8	8,160 13.5	8,200 13.8	8,190 13.1	8,160 12.7	7,910 13.0
Franklin	14,823 18.6	15,046 13.7	14,560 13.2	14,800 15.2	14,950 14.9	14,970 14.2	15,110 12.7	15,000 11.5	15,200 13.2	15,540 16.6	15,470 13.9	15,020 12.6	15,090 12.3	15,090 12.3	14,880 12.1
Geneva	11,740 8.2	10,714 9.5	10,570 7.7	10,470 7.6	10,740 7.9	11,040 8.4	11,020 8.6	11,380 8.4	11,170 8.7	11,240 10.0	11,140 8.2	11,260 8.4	11,470 8.7	10,950 7.7	10,650 7.5
Greene	4,763 17.1	3,841 17.6	3,630 13.2	3,620 13.5	3,760 15.0	3,950 17.2	3,810 13.8	3,890 13.4	3,870 15.1	3,940 15.2	3,990 14.8	4,030 14.6	4,090 14.8	4,040 15.2	3,760 17.1
Hale	5,480 17.1	5,891 11.3	5,760 9.6	5,730 9.7	5,800 9.3	5,900 10.1	5,980 9.5	6,280 10.6	6,230 11.0	6,230 9.8	6,370 11.5	6,360 9.5	6,440 8.9	6,410 10.9	6,060 11.2
Henry	7,294 9.4	6,748 10.6	6,720 10.1	6,670 10.8	6,790 10.7	6,840 10.3	6,780 10.4	6,890 8.6	6,820 9.5	6,740 10.0	6,780 8.7	7,030 9.0	7,010 7.6	6,840 7.8	6,410 7.9
Houston	36,547 9.0	33,718 8.4	33,580 8.5	34,090 9.1	34,480 9.0	34,750 8.8	35,470 9.7	35,730 8.9	35,480 9.4	36,040 10.4	35,900 9.1	36,190 9.0	36,620 8.4	36,560 8.6	40,050 7.7
Jackson	19,785 16.8	20,483 12.3	19,810 13.0	20,300 15.9	20,700 16.1	20,800 17.7	20,580 12.7	20,950 12.4	21,130 14.7	21,120 15.4	21,150 13.9	21,320 13.0	21,430 12.1	21,680 16.6	20,710 12.0
Jefferson	303,502 9.8	312,343 6.9	314,200 6.4	312,760 6.6	317,270 6.6	322,760 6.5	327,950 6.9	330,520 7.1	332,560 7.8	335,200 8.5	336,870 9.1	337,020 8.8	337,360 8.4	336,860 8.4	337,320 8.0
Lamar	9,346 7.3	8,808 8.0	8,670 7.1	8,630 7.0	8,760 6.9	8,830 7.5	8,900 7.6	9,010 7.9	9,020 8.4	9,220 11.4	9,010 9.5	9,130 10.4	9,080 8.9	9,070 8.7	8,810 8.7
Lauderdale	35,599 14.8	36,158 10.9	35,820 10.6	35,670 11.6	36,560 12.0	36,680 10.9	36,840 10.4	37,510 10.7	37,740 12.8	37,340 12.0	37,300 11.1	37,420 11.2	37,620 11.0	37,210 10.8	36,290 10.6

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985	1986											
	1984	1985	Dec	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lawrence	13,445 15.1	12,636 12.7	12,420 14.0	12,450 15.2	12,590 15.0	12,720 14.2	12,730 14.0	13,050 12.4	12,980 13.5	13,080 13.9	13,450 15.4	13,100 12.7	13,280 13.4	13,060 14.1	12,150 14.9
Lee	38,473 6.6	37,752 7.0	37,330 7.7	37,300 7.3	38,180 8.6	38,240 7.0	38,460 6.9	38,660 6.9	38,000 8.2	38,130 9.9	37,580 7.7	37,390 8.1	37,740 7.4	37,910 7.1	37,430 6.5
Limestone	20,225 10.8	27,043 7.1	27,990 7.0	28,300 8.3	28,700 9.2	29,070 9.2	29,410 8.4	29,860 8.4	29,590 9.2	29,540 9.5	29,440 11.4	30,120 7.6	30,290 8.1	30,050 8.1	29,730 8.0
Lowndes	5,096 18.3	4,636 14.1	4,530 10.4	4,360 11.5	4,420 12.1	4,530 12.3	4,540 13.7	4,660 14.2	4,700 18.0	4,800 17.1	4,960 17.9	5,010 15.6	5,010 15.6	5,000 16.3	4,580 16.0
Macon	8,147 11.1	10,453 8.5	10,330 8.5	10,340 8.9	10,420 8.5	10,490 8.2	10,590 8.1	10,800 9.1	10,560 10.2	10,720 10.1	10,680 9.4	10,570 8.4	10,740 9.5	10,560 8.8	10,650 8.5
Madison	117,779 7.1	117,762 5.9	119,020 5.5	119,030 5.9	120,730 6.1	122,630 6.7	123,790 6.3	125,440 6.4	127,470 7.9	126,890 7.7	126,560 8.1	127,180 7.7	127,530 7.6	127,620 7.5	127,930 7.2
Marengo	9,722 14.2	9,934 10.6	9,690 9.2	9,600 10.0	9,750 9.7	10,140 15.5	9,960 10.2	10,110 9.7	10,120 10.6	10,300 13.6	10,180 10.4	10,080 9.5	10,170 9.6	10,040 10.5	9,970 10.7
Marion	13,584 14.9	15,278 13.8	15,420 13.0	15,560 13.9	15,550 13.4	15,640 13.0	15,810 12.9	16,040 11.8	16,030 12.9	16,440 16.7	16,310 14.7	16,270 14.8	16,330 14.0	16,310 15.3	15,610 15.3
Marshall	33,047 12.6	35,615 8.7	35,260 7.9	35,960 11.7	36,110 10.1	37,050 16.3	36,980 10.2	37,500 10.4	37,870 12.0	38,190 14.2	37,440 11.1	37,600 10.6	37,490 10.2	37,570 11.2	36,420 10.4
Mobile	164,727 12.7	166,738 9.4	166,330 9.1	166,590 10.0	169,200 10.0	171,160 10.4	172,670 10.4	175,480 10.7	176,290 11.7	176,720 11.5	176,820 11.3	174,160 11.3	174,160 10.9	173,890 10.9	171,770 10.7
Monroe	11,138 15.9	9,085 13.5	9,000 12.7	8,920 12.8	8,970 12.0	10,200 27.8	9,300 13.7	9,330 11.7	9,190 11.5	9,280 10.9	9,510 10.1	9,510 9.4	9,550 10.4	9,610 13.1	9,650 15.1
Montgomery	96,607 8.8	91,901 7.2	91,850 6.7	91,340 7.0	93,020 6.8	93,800 6.7	94,610 7.0	96,370 7.8	96,130 8.3	96,050 8.3	96,040 7.8	95,560 7.8	96,730 8.1	96,560 8.3	97,830 7.4
Morgan	38,872 11.5	43,368 8.1	43,290 7.9	43,710 9.3	44,010 9.6	44,620 9.5	45,070 9.1	45,620 8.7	46,080 10.1	46,220 10.8	46,640 11.9	45,540 9.9	45,830 10.0	45,550 9.9	45,670 9.7
Perry	5,820 13.3	5,336 13.2	5,260 18.7	5,170 14.5	5,110 9.1	5,250 11.0	5,230 9.6	5,500 11.7	5,390 12.3	5,450 12.7	5,530 12.9	5,490 10.7	5,590 10.5	5,600 15.8	5,500 20.3
Pickens	7,085 15.9	6,965 15.2	6,770 13.4	6,730 13.5	6,900 14.4	6,950 14.1	7,070 14.3	7,420 14.3	7,230 15.0	7,350 15.7	7,540 16.6	7,580 14.3	7,790 15.7	7,610 15.9	7,520 15.5
Pike	13,562 10.1	11,773 8.0	11,300 8.0	11,780 7.9	11,970 8.3	12,090 8.0	12,160 7.7	12,460 8.0	12,400 8.9	12,200 9.9	12,320 9.8	12,460 7.8	12,660 8.8	12,380 9.0	12,210 9.1
Randolph	8,792 14.9	8,865 9.6	9,050 7.4	9,010 7.5	9,130 6.9	9,190 7.3	9,300 7.5	9,320 11.4	9,120 10.4	9,060 10.0	9,510 12.9	9,260 10.8	9,350 9.6	9,470 8.6	9,430 7.5
Russell	19,293 12.6	20,634 10.5	20,940 10.8	20,890 11.0	20,860 10.0	21,030 10.1	21,020 9.6	21,000 9.3	21,120 9.8	21,110 10.3	21,260 10.0	21,100 9.5	21,300 10.7	21,240 10.4	22,700 9.2
St. Clair	19,403 11.5	20,691 8.1	20,500 6.2	20,640 7.5	21,040 7.9	21,300 7.3	21,380 6.7	21,710 7.5	22,030 8.9	22,250 9.9	36,020 6.8	36,120 6.7	37,080 8.6	36,370 7.1	37,340 7.0
Shelby	31,912 10.3	34,261 7.0	34,190 5.7	34,440 7.1	34,870 6.9	35,010 5.5	35,550 5.9	35,940 6.4	36,230 7.2	36,240 7.3	21,720 7.8	21,790 7.7	21,860 7.5	21,790 7.4	20,610 8.1
Sumter	7,249 11.6	6,147 13.7	5,830 14.5	5,950 18.3	6,020 19.3	6,140 21.4	6,240 21.1	6,400 21.1	6,460 26.3	6,490 25.5	6,410 22.8	6,250 18.4	6,230 18.1	6,160 18.3	5,800 17.2
Talladega	31,153 15.7	31,537 13.1	30,890 10.4	30,970 11.1	31,380 11.0	31,750 11.1	32,180 11.3	32,610 11.3	32,850 12.6	33,210 13.7	33,370 13.1	33,140 13.0	33,060 12.4	32,770 12.2	32,170 11.9
Tallapoosa	17,304 9.4	18,258 8.2	18,220 7.4	18,280 8.3	18,640 7.9	18,490 7.1	18,800 6.5	19,250 7.5	19,600 8.8	19,770 9.5	19,910 8.3	19,620 7.8	19,620 7.5	19,620 7.0	19,110 6.5
Tuscaloosa	58,145 9.6	64,346 6.8	65,500 6.5	65,720 6.9	66,900 7.1	67,470 7.0	68,410 6.9	68,810 7.8	67,440 8.6	67,310 8.4	68,770 8.3	70,010 7.6	70,140 7.2	70,100 7.5	69,250 7.5
Walker	32,554 13.3	33,097 9.9	32,870 8.3	34,980 14.4	35,650 14.8	35,880 13.8	36,370 13.9	36,440 13.6	36,990 15.0	37,030 15.1	35,410 11.4	35,100 10.3	34,840 9.0	35,270 10.3	29,760 12.5
Washington	6,491 18.0	5,855 14.9	5,810 15.9	5,990 17.2	5,910 15.6	6,100 18.8	6,050 16.8	6,160 17.1	6,270 20.0	6,260 20.8	6,010 17.1	6,060 16.6	6,080 15.8	6,080 16.8	5,530 20.3
Wilcox	5,475 15.3	4,391 16.4	4,240 15.5	4,210 15.8	4,270 15.7	4,350 16.3	4,400 16.8	4,510 16.7	4,560 19.2	4,480 19.1	4,440 17.6	4,320 16.2	4,410 15.7	4,370 16.5	4,330 14.7
Winston	9,264 19.6	10,488 17.1	10,240 20.7	10,630 24.1	10,710 24.1	10,740 22.9	10,700 21.3	10,580 18.4	10,550 19.0	10,580 19.1	10,620 19.2	10,480 16.8	10,460 16.1	10,560 20.0	9,990 20.0
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,985	53,389	58,252	70,563	62,021	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	816	984	1,427	1,232	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961		
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,948	602,564	96,664	77,115	82,535	77,691	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	2,074	2,588	2,214	1,620	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,792	38,242	3,344	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,284	25,020	2,013	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	162,477	159,132	142,757	163,267	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	11,634	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[10] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,630	3,402													
General stores with food and gas	173	258													
General merchandise	2,379	2,329													
Apparel	566	633													
Furniture, furnishings, etc	542	679													
Automotive	3,079	3,272													
Gasoline service stations	294	262													
Lumber and building materials	888	1,153													
Hardware and farm implements	422	264													
Eating places	1,284	1,312													
Drug stores	264	266													
All other retail	2,151	1,826													
Total sales by retail concerns	15,671	15,655													
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	2,612	3,870													
Total all sales at retail	18,284	19,554	1,933	1,540	1,455	1,577	1,744	1,840	1,719	1,779	1,905	1,896	1,830	1,599	

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985	1986											
	1984	1985	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[10] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,037	550,158	59,420	43,027	41,428	47,696	50,302	53,576	50,229	51,904	57,987	55,626	52,594	43,188	
Birmingham	5,020,295	5,381,834	539,872	428,226	409,891	443,806	481,262	502,618	464,179	479,104	537,974	542,846	520,838	464,155	
Dothan	641,532	668,116	66,638	51,738	50,433	52,127	57,781	61,679	56,303	57,509	58,199	59,315	57,757	44,245	
Florence	611,592	649,063	67,203	50,230	46,882	50,911	56,319	58,722	56,303	57,230	60,866	61,676	56,715	52,561	
Gadsden	458,793	476,153	46,302	35,785	34,258	38,739	45,006	44,603	41,965	45,783	46,969	47,865	43,636	36,033	
Huntsville	1,047,074	1,167,873	116,398	92,701	86,638	89,771	99,184	104,426	98,065	102,269	108,024	108,580	107,130	86,655	
Mobile	2,079,628	2,198,671	217,209	174,470	159,291	169,378	194,621	207,564	198,203	203,243	206,783	201,908	188,620	164,513	
Montgomery	1,427,914	1,521,511	155,575	116,377	114,297	129,018	135,202	142,582	132,914	138,454	138,808	146,556	139,231	127,181	
Tuscaloosa	630,169	678,278	69,071	55,221	50,920	54,541	60,694	60,875	58,510	60,239	67,948	65,788	66,646	57,031	
Counties															
Autauga	96,681	106,449	10,257	8,808	8,120	9,158	9,362	9,196	8,837	10,443	11,422	12,740	11,408	10,626	
Baldwin	343,603	359,244	32,790	25,779	25,487	27,649	32,162	34,810	34,598	37,045	33,733	29,792	26,588	24,245	
Barbour	71,569	75,817	8,008	5,825	5,782	5,906	6,467	7,632	7,024	7,231	6,875	6,763	6,901	6,543	
Bibb	41,388	44,459	4,772	3,478	3,446	3,844	4,028	4,426	4,362	4,277	4,404	4,224	4,321	2,415	
Blount	88,957	100,962	9,501	7,992	7,113	7,528	8,305	8,924	8,336	8,078	8,993	8,788	8,948	6,392	
Bullock	26,076	25,663	2,798	2,345	2,096	2,034	1,986	1,999	2,041	2,115	2,193	1,965	2,045	1,878	
Butler	65,540	63,441	6,247	5,109	4,688	5,019	5,413	5,394	5,335	5,708	5,227	4,897	5,619	4,749	
Calhoun	507,735	550,158	59,420	43,027	41,428	47,696	50,302	53,576	50,229	51,904	57,987	55,626	52,594	43,188	
Chambers	106,969	109,719	10,616	8,643	8,422	9,449	10,138	10,372	9,524	9,953	10,164	9,036	9,486	7,788	
Cherokee	47,882	50,330	4,139	4,286	3,674	3,486	4,763	4,555	4,484	4,270	4,500	4,365	4,018	3,596	
Chilton	99,835	110,339	11,218	8,412	8,468	8,808	9,565	10,734	9,785	11,269	10,486	9,763	9,442	6,723	
Choctaw	36,627	38,892	3,699	3,243	2,743	2,804	3,068	3,193	2,820	3,059	3,171	2,671	2,993	1,988	
Clarke	98,413	107,589	10,948	8,694	7,698	8,613	9,377	10,236	9,642	8,854	8,910	8,927	8,489	7,282	
Clay	26,354	26,980	2,470	2,354	2,129	2,123	2,397	2,477	2,344	2,566	2,611	3,019	2,521	2,550	
Cleburne	22,197	23,638	1,723	1,669	1,725	1,777	1,956	2,266	1,992	2,169	2,048	2,569	2,168	1,513	
Coffee	186,084	193,686	19,208	14,996	13,978	14,949	17,249	19,648	16,958	17,272	17,419	18,496	15,112	14,561	
Colbert	249,862	251,472	23,399	19,130	17,969	19,404	21,972	21,925	21,476	22,217	22,033	23,971	21,146	18,399	
Conecuh	37,496	36,961	3,541	2,704	2,548	2,569	2,815	3,101	2,632	2,953	2,866	2,630	2,643	2,361	
Coosa	8,919	10,205	914	807	685	781	863	879	1,126	832	782	786	810	782	
Covington	137,484	138,329	12,974	10,796	10,174	11,293	11,983	12,501	12,110	12,757	12,131	12,397	10,706	10,090	
Crenshaw	30,957	35,535	3,241	2,857	2,446	3,018	3,073	3,578	3,181	3,088	3,715	3,580	3,691	2,685	
Cullman	237,485	251,554	22,950	18,737	17,763	19,838	23,444	24,517	21,259	23,232	25,560	24,841	24,231	21,653	
Dale	104,884	115,091	11,901	8,566	8,555	8,334	10,110	10,881	9,925	10,119	10,166	10,263	9,050	7,379	
Dallas	198,889	209,353	21,342	15,922	14,872	16,435	17,575	18,627	17,261	17,880	18,535	17,834	17,646	13,028	
DeKalb	180,255	190,560	17,505	14,359	13,807	13,917	16,158	17,777	18,920	16,544	18,073	19,208	17,959	15,365	
Elmore	102,062	109,703	11,161	8,450	8,461	9,148	9,533	10,059	9,757	9,577	9,244	9,474	8,592	7,864	
Escambia	141,719	144,111	14,834	10,716	10,063	10,708	12,169	12,477	11,123	12,322	12,096	12,701	11,476	10,496	
Etowah	459,564	476,153	46,302	35,785	34,258	38,739	45,006	44,603	41,965	45,783	46,969	47,865	43,636	36,033	
Fayette	64,900	63,574	5,579	5,251	5,216	4,424	5,716	6,302	5,941	5,445	5,958	5,969	5,109	5,333	
Franklin	99,500	105,804	9,086	7,716	6,996	7,809	7,949	8,494	7,956	8,485	8,762	8,328	8,057	6,502	
Geneva	144,806	145,561	12,895	11,566	10,772	11,230	12,140	12,204	12,155	11,822	11,782	11,889	11,391	11,397	
Greene	18,302	16,901	1,438	1,363	1,391	1,461	1,529	1,661	1,584	1,523	1,603	1,690	1,328	1,323	
Hale	31,283	32,330	3,034	2,482	2,472	2,503	2,762	2,979	2,766	2,862	2,863	2,964	2,561	2,430	
Henry	35,719	38,584	3,515	3,051	2,706	2,583	3,253	3,113	3,417	3,082	3,527	2,975	3,196	2,810	
Houston	538,668	553,025	54,737	43,172	41,878	43,793	47,671	50,798	46,378	47,390	48,033	49,052	48,707	36,866	
Jackson	136,557	146,740	13,512	10,784	10,039	11,157	13,110	13,482	12,951	13,640	14,380	14,035	13,334	10,453	
Jefferson	4,275,224	4,540,766	461,089	361,223	344,870	373,557	402,133	420,403	388,407	399,970	446,592	453,302	433,630	395,121	
Lamar	37,962	37,832	3,536	3,174	2,941	2,627	3,115	3,704	3,385	3,455	3,581	3,012	3,463	2,670	
Lauderdale	362,832	397,591	43,804	31,100	28,913	31,507	34,347	36,797	34,827	35,013	38,833	37,705	35,569	34,162	
Lawrence	51,727	58,010	6,046	4,323	4,069	4,519	4,580	5,111	4,667	5,256	5,316	4,880	5,228	4,227	
Lee	346,847	374,847	39,690	29,770	26,768	30,479	32,525	35,333	31,189	31,850	31,722	35,426	32,997	26,359	
Limestone	161,430	177,907	16,893	14,132	13,155	14,016	15,480	16,225	15,140	16,348	17,496	17,325	16,810	14,418	
Lowndes	16,849	21,624	2,245	1,587	1,677	1,745	1,816	1,971	1,960	1,925	1,917	2,076	1,700	1,649	
Macon	45,109	44,800	4,250	4,002	3,640	3,545	4,212	4,634	3,876	3,913	4,044	4,421	4,105	3,444	
Madison	1,048,678	1,167,873	116,398	92,701	86,638	89,771	99,184	104,426	98,065	102,269	108,024	108,580	107,130	86,655	
Marengo	69,037	77,635	8,368	6,319	5,874	6,191	6,508	6,688	6,139	6,453	6,622	6,603	6,518	4,683	
Marion	95,238	104,541	10,875	8,719	7,998	8,184	8,882	9,843	9,181	9,061	9,467	8,940	8,863	6,995	
Marshall	339,190	383,587	35,702	28,697	27,933	31,313	33,974	37,070	34,339	36,212	37,576	38,953	35,784	28,765	
Mobile	1,756,156	1,839,427	184,419	148,691	133,804	141,729	162,459	172,754	163,605	166,198	173,050	172,116	162,032	140,268	
Monroe	102,682	106,522	12,689	6,014	5,781	5,314	6,323	6,775	6,630	6,759	7,257	6,511	6,011	5,220	
Montgomery	1,230,750	1,305,359	134,157	99,119	97,716	110,712	116,307	123,327	114,320	118,434	118,142	124,342	119,231	108,691	
Morgan	452,269	519,236	50,125	40,092	37,813	42,694	46,783	49,622	46,002	48,033	50,768	50,832	49,363	41,255	
Perry	25,100	24,329	2,441	1,873	1,844	1,914	2,161	2,106	1,975	2,091	2,229	2,234	2,114	1,788	
Pickens	41,328	42,094	3,705	3,308	3,190	3,143	4,288	4,422	3,824	3,881	4,040	3,904	3,694	2,831	
Pike	90,620	99,502	10,228	8,515	7,648	8,183	9,523	9,728	8,584	8,979	9,603	9,438	8,617	6,190	
Randolph	57,856	59,478	5,835	5,228	4,347	4,428	4,553	4,866	4,164	4,624	5,014	5,123	4,869	4,177	
Russell	121,339	123,654	12,418	9,223	8,722	9,497	11,616	11,552	10,934	11,151	10,987	9,690	10,558	9,574	
St. Clair	121,064	137,189	12,002	10,700	10,845	12,253	13,649	14,568	13,528	13,163	14,979	14,357	12,669	11,654	
Shelby	253,238	276,044	25,884	22,928	21,918	23,986	27,424	27,792	26,617	27,450	31,427	30,564	30,449	24,557	
Sumter	30,863	30,584	3,043	2,402	2,098	2,327	2,630	2,636	2,400	2,561	2,639	2,497	2,627	1,699	
Talladega	239,617	269,854	26,745	20,237	18,858	19,628	23,376	26,914	22,656	25,258	25,711	24,648	25,233	19,590	
Tallapoosa	127,374	134,917	13,516	10,381	10,700	10,281	12,532	13,316	12,771	13,093	13,334	11,836	11,888	9,726	
Tuscaloosa	631,255	678,278	69,071	55,221	50,920	54,541	60,694	60,875	58,510	60,239	67,948	65,788	66,646	57,031	
Walker	291,301	326,873	31,396	25,383	25,145	26,482	29,751	30,931	27,291	30,443	35,983	35,835	35,142	26,431	
Washington	21,658	20,665	1,556	1,642	1,533	1,242	1,694	1,867	1,724	1,990	1,968	2,184	1,676	1,352	
Wilcox	27,993	25,920	2,324	2,076	1,839	1,796	2,106	2,245	1,913	2,260	2,163	2,006	2,059	1,919	
Winston	71,276	80,242	7,581	6,217	5,673	6,173	7,210	7,675	6,766	7,457	7,494	6,899	7,093	8,169	
Statewide[10]	971,276	1,077,662	132,649	86,116	80,072	93,652	106,658	114,438	111,905	115,386	140,027	128,192	138,277	138,511	

NOTE Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service

[4] End-of month balance

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors

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[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total

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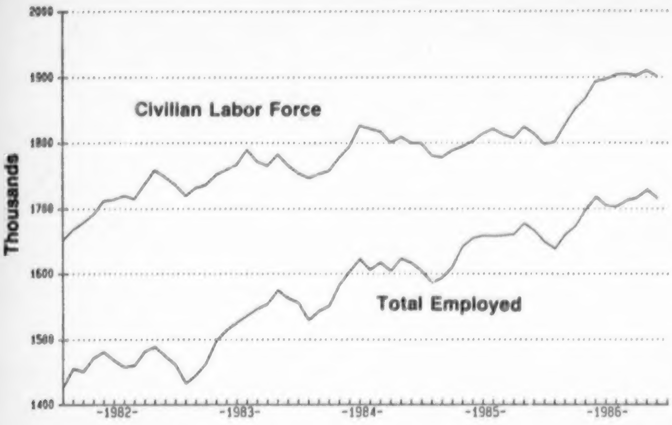

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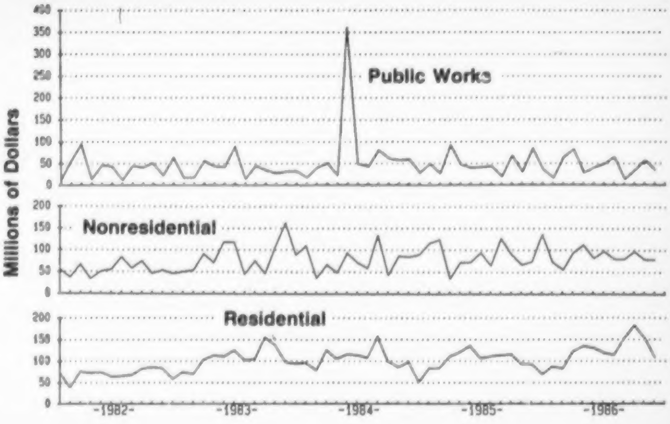

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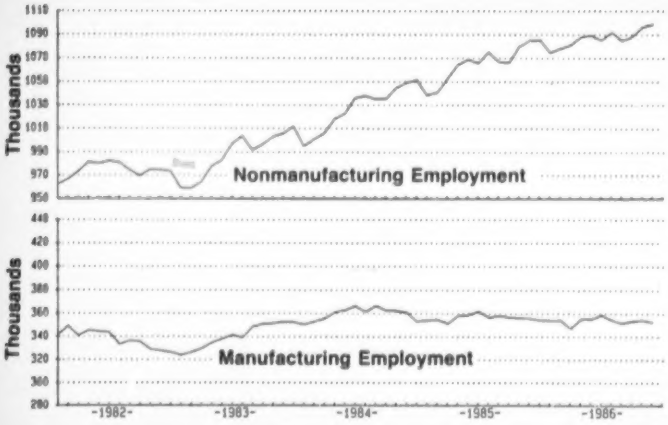

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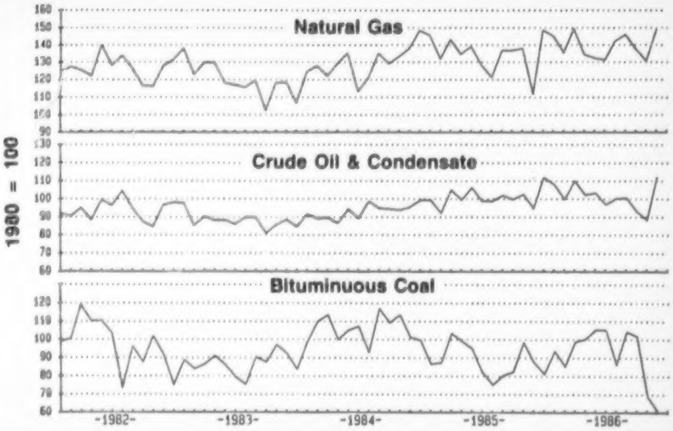

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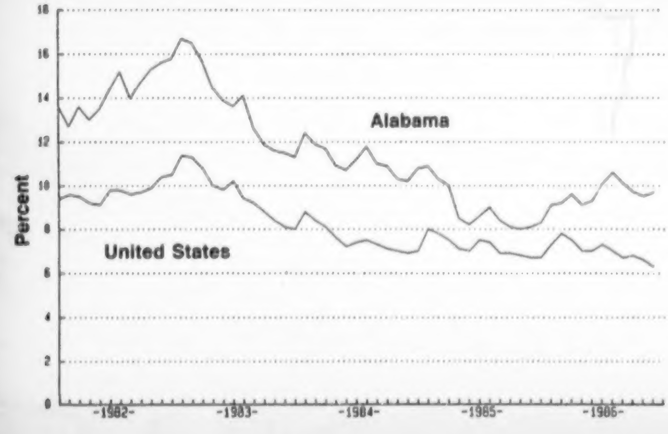

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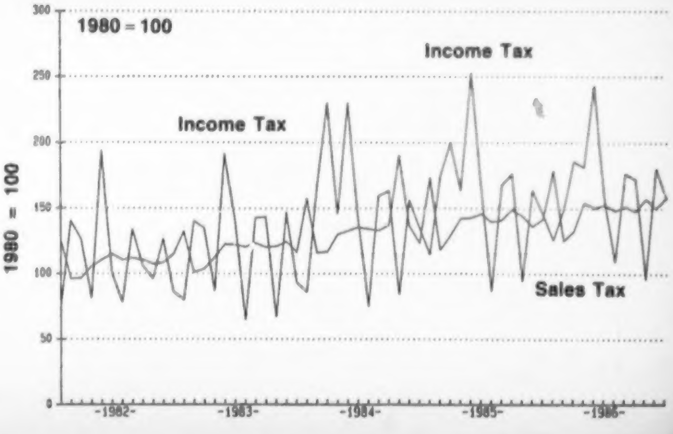

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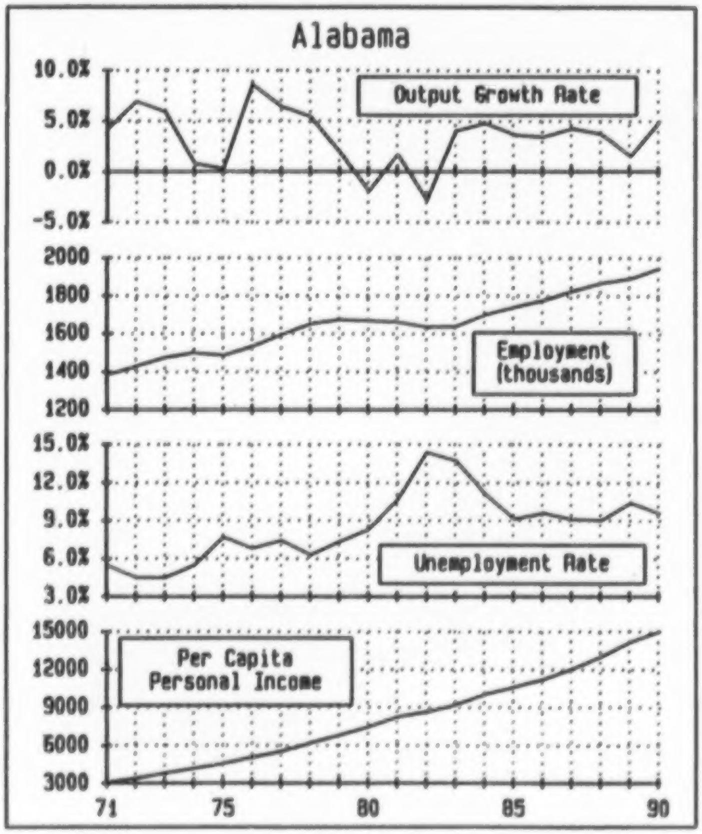

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METHODS OF POPULATION ESTIMATION PART I

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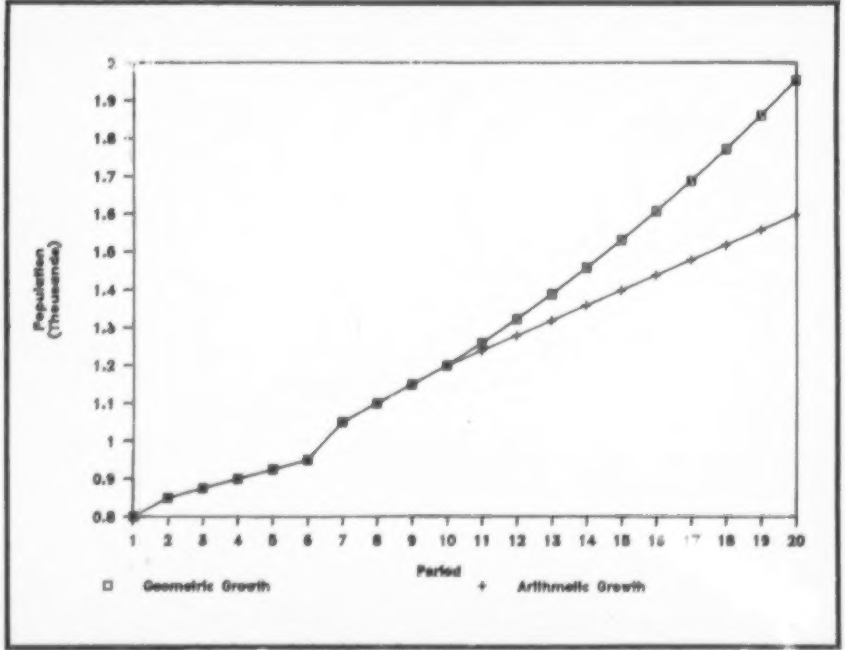
Users of population data are familiar with many of the data products resulting from the decennial censuses. The most recent census of population in 1980 provided a wide range of data including population totals; characteristics of the population by age, race, and sex; number of households; household characteristics; and a large number of detailed tabulations regarding social and economic characteristics.



The time and expense associated with collecting such a wealth of data at the level of detail required by a census limit our undertaking of a national census to once every ten years.

The ten year interval between censuses can result in a number of problems for the users of population data, and the resulting frustrations tend to grow as the time since the last census increases. Those charged with the responsibility of devising plans for civic, educational, or social projects are seldom satisfied with population data that may be seven or eight years old.

Researchers have devised methods of estimating the population in response to these needs. In the following paragraphs several major methods of population estimation are outlined after a brief discussion on the difference between population estimates and population projections.

Population Estimates and Projections Defined

The definition of a population estimate seems simple enough until one is asked to differentiate it from a population projection. For the casual user of population data the distinction is often considered meaningless.

It is thought to be just as reasonable to ask for a population estimate for the state of Alabama for the year 2010 as it is to ask for an estimate of the state's population in 1985. However, those more involved in population research recognize the distinctions between a population estimate and a population projection.

The first important difference between a population estimate and a population projection concerns the direction in time to which it applies. Population estimates are made for a time in the past. Usually the estimation period is relatively recent and will be for the previous year.

In some cases the estimation period may be quite recent. For example, the U. S. Bureau of the Census estimates the population of the United States on a monthly basis. The Bureau of the Census estimates the population of the individual states, and the population of each county within each state on a yearly basis. Population estimates for smaller areas such as cities and towns have been done every two years by the Bureau of the Census as part of the U. S. Government's Federal Revenue Sharing program.

The second important difference between a population estimate and a population projection concerns the nature of the data one uses to calculate the population total. Estimates are based on actual data reported for the area being estimated. For example, one would collect data on births, deaths, and other factors for the area being estimated.

Population projections by contrast refer to a time in the future. The length of the projection period may vary, but projections for ten to thirty years into the future are more common than projections of shorter or longer terms.

However, one might be asked to provide a projection for one or two years into the future for an immediate planning need, and projections of longer terms of up to 100 years are routinely done for some purposes. The U.S. Bureau of the Census often uses a 100 year period for some of their projections, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis often uses a 50 year period for projections.

The data requirements for population projections differ from the requirements for population estimates since population projections refer to the future.

Certainly it would be nice to know how many children will actually be born and how many people will actually die twenty years from now when making our projections, but we simply do not have access to these data the way we do when making a retrospective population estimate. Therefore, population projections are always based on the extension of past trends and assumptions about the future.

Methods of Population Estimation

There are any number of ways of estimating the population of an area. Some methods are better than others, and some methods are better suited for areas of a particular size than they might be for larger or smaller areas.

Five common methods of population estimation will be discussed. Most often these methods are applied to states or counties, but they may be applied to areas of any size providing the requisite data are available.

The Censal Ratio Method and the Housing Unit Method are described below. The more complex estimation methods including Component Method II, the Administrative Records Method, and the Ratio Correlation Method will be discussed in Part II of this article appearing in a later issue of *Alabama Business*.

Censal Ratio Method

Censal ratio methods make use of the ratio of the known population at an earlier time to the level of some symptomatic variable. The known population from an earlier time is usually taken from the most recent census, and the level of a symptomatic variable is simply the value of some variable that is an indication (symptom) of population.

It is desirable to calculate ratios for several symptomatic variables and then average the ratios before estimating the population.

The calculation for a censal ratio method would be as follows. The variables we select as being symptomatic of population change might include: births, deaths, motor vehicle registrations, and school enrollment. In this and all other examples we will assume that our base year, or year for which we know the population of the area in question, is 1980, and the estimation year is 1986.

The data required for the estimate include: the population of the area in 1980; the number of births, deaths, motor vehicle registrations, and school enrollments for the area in 1980; and, the number of births, deaths, motor vehicle registrations, and school enrollments for 1986.

The first step is to calculate the ratio of the 1986 value to the 1980 value for each of the symptomatic variables. Births in 1986 would be divided by births in 1980; Deaths in 1986 would be divided by deaths in 1980, and so on. The result would be four ratios indicating the change in the level of each variable from 1980 to 1986.

The ratios would then be averaged to obtain an overall ratio for the set of our symptomatic variables. The result might be a value of 1.25. This would indicate that the value of our set of symptomatic variables is twenty-five percent higher in 1986 than they were in 1980.

The 1986 estimate of the population is obtained by multiplying the ratio of 1.25 times the known population from the base year in 1980. Our population estimate for 1986 would be 37,500 assuming a 1980 population of 30,000 and a growth ratio of 1.25 in our symptomatic variables.

Censal ratio estimates are a relatively simple way of calculating a population estimate. The data and methodological requirements are modest, and the calculations can be made quickly.

Generally, the technique works best when several symptomatic variables are used and when the time between the base year and the estimate year is short. The accuracy of the technique suffers when it is used for estimates more than two or three years past the base year.

Housing Unit Method

A second relatively easy method of population estimation is the housing unit method. The housing unit method requires data on the number of additions and deletions to the housing stock (the number of housing units in the area) and the average household size in the area.

One simply multiplies the number of occupied housing units in the area times the average household size to obtain the estimate. However, this method is not quite as simple as it sounds.

The computation for the housing unit method is not difficult, but the data requirements can be quite demanding. The number of deletions from the housing stock is more readily available than the number of additions.

One usually does not obtain a demolition permit until one is ready to remove a structure. However, one often encounters a delay between the time a building permit is issued and the time that construction begins. In addition, there is also a delay from the time construction begins and the time until the unit is ready for occupancy, and a possible further delay until the unit is actually occupied.

One still faces the problem of estimating the occupancy rate of the existing housing units even if the problems of the number of housing units can be solved. We may be fairly certain that 18,500 housing units exist in an area, but it is difficult to know with any degree of precision how many are occupied and how many are vacant.

Utility service connections and disconnections can be one way of estimating the occupancy rate, but rental property can be particularly troublesome since many property managers have a continuous service agreement with the utility companies. Billing for service is transferred to the property manager when a tenant leaves rather than the service being disconnected.

An additional difficulty encountered with the housing unit method is in determining the average household size. The average household size for the base year is almost always obtainable from the latest census, but household size changes over time. The trend has been for a decline in the average household size, therefore, using the value from the latest census will usually result in an overestimate of the population.

The Censal Ratio Method and the Housing Unit Method are each easily applied in a variety of settings and can be calculated in relatively little time. In many situations they can provide accurate estimates. Other situations may require one of the more complex estimation methods that will be discussed in a later issue.

Those interested in obtaining the results of the latest estimates of the U.S. Bureau of the Census should consult series P-25 and P-26 of the Current Population Reports.

HOUSEHOLDS GROWING FASTER

The number of U.S. households has grown considerably faster than the total population since 1980, according to estimates from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

Households increased by 10.5 percent from 1980 to 1986, while the population grew 6.4 percent. The average population per household declined from 2.76 to 2.67 percent. Households totaled 88.8 million on July 1, 1986, up 8.4 million from the April 1, 1980 census.

The 10 states with the most rapid household growth were Alaska (36 percent), Arizona (26), Nevada (25), Florida (24), Texas (20), New Mexico (18), Georgia (18), New Hampshire (17), Colorado (17), and Utah (15).

The four states losing population in the 1980s—Iowa, West Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio—also had low household growth rates.

Growth was concentrated in the South and West, where 74 percent of the household increase and 91 percent of the population increase took place. Alabama gained an approximately 122 households since 1980 for an increase of 9.1 percent and gained 4.1 percent in population.

There is no printed report on the state household estimates shown in this release. These estimates and revised household estimates for 1981-84 will be published later this year in the annual P-25 report on the population of states.

Estimates of Households
(Numbers in thousands)

Region	July 1, 1986 (prov.)	July 1, 1985 (rev.)	April 1, 1980 (census)	Change, 1980-86 Percent
United States	88,797	87,489	80,390	10.5
Northeast	18,588	18,407	17,471	6.4
New England	4,729	4,671	4,362	8.4
Middle Atlantic	13,859	13,735	13,109	5.7
Midwest	21,944	21,762	20,859	5.2
East North Central	15,343	15,207	14,654	4.7
West North Central	6,600	6,556	6,205	6.4
South	30,418	29,857	26,486	14.8
South Atlantic	15,290	14,939	13,160	16.2
East South Central	5,504	5,437	5,051	9.0
West South Central	9,624	9,481	8,276	16.3
West	17,847	17,463	15,574	14.6
Mountain	4,708	4,606	3,986	18.1
Pacific	13,139	12,858	11,587	13.4

CHAMBERS COUNTY UPDATE

Annette Jones Watters

The January 1987 issue of *Alabama Business* contained an article focusing on Chambers County. The essay pointed out that Chambers County suffered dramatically in the economic recession of 1980/82 with a loss of 2,727 manufacturing jobs between 1977 and 1982 and a total loss of 2,225 jobs.

The total job loss for the county is smaller than that for manufacturing because some sectors of Chambers County's economy, notably transportation and government, continued to add jobs during the worst of times. These gains helped offset manufacturing's losses. While hurt badly by the recession, Chambers County has begun to pull itself out of its slump with noticeable signs of recovery throughout the county.

This recovery is being accomplished by a coalition of business people, community leaders, and educators. The school systems are working with local businesses in an adopt-a-school program.

Businesses know that a quality education is essential to a skilled workforce and schools know that local businesses will provide the future livelihood for their students. The cooperation and support that each gives the other strengthens the entire county.

County vocational technical schools continue to offer innovative programs. For example, recent courses have led to previously untapped opportunities in real estate. Adult education courses reach persons from throughout the county and further strengthen–the labor force, making the county increasingly attractive to new and existing industry.

Chambers County community leaders recognize and are promoting the region's geographic advantages for industrial growth. Equidistant from Birmingham, Montgomery, and Atlanta, the county is served by Interstate 85 and U.S. 431. These highways provide major access to regional and national markets. Lanett is only an hour and one half from Atlanta's major air terminal.

The county's primary industry is textiles and its primary employer is West Point Pepperell. Well aware of the competition in a rapidly developing world market, West Point Pepperell has invested millions in new state-of-the-art equipment—hard evidence of an unrelenting commitment to remaining a profitable, major textile producer in Chambers County well into the future.

Further, West Point Pepperell recognizes and accepts its role as a community leader. Pepperell employees work to form community/industrial partnerships in such diverse areas as recreation, safety, and education. These and other programs make West Point Pepperell not only an industrial leader but a good neighbor to the county as a whole.

A new industry has recently begun construction of a 600,000 square-foot plant in the Huguley Industrial Park. Knauf Fiber Glass will begin operations in 1988 and will create 150 jobs. Local officials welcome this addition to the county and anticipate that other industries will subsequently locate nearby.

A county which has experienced a sharp economic downturn cannot turn itself around through wishful thinking. A turnaround takes commitment and innovative leadership. An example of faith in the local area can be seen in Lafayette, the county seat. A small town of approximately 3,500, Lafayette is centered around a lovely old courthouse square. The business district was developed decades ago in a style not common now in modern buildings. The town has raised sidewalks where two and three story storefronts show turned wood ornamentation. Over time these stores have seen many different uses and in many cases "modernization" lessened their original beauty.

Downtown blocks are being renovated. Beautiful office and commercial space is being made from buildings others might have been ready to discard. It would have been easy for business leaders to relocate, but instead they have put time, money, and pride into their community. The commitment is a mark of pride in the town, the region and its people.

Chambers County as a whole is still stretching to recover from the severe economic blow it has had to absorb over the past few years. But the county is fortunate to have men and women who have a vision of a future that is brighter than the past; who have the skills to achieve that vision; and who have dedicated themselves to the task.

NEWS BRIEFS

Highway Facts

Highway use of gasoline is up 2.2 percent according to a special report by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Use of all motor fuels on the nations highways totaled 121.4 billion gallons in 1985, an increase of 2.3 percent over 1984. The Department of Transportation projects use of motor fuels to increase about 3.7 percent when all of the numbers are assembled.

Alabama consumed approximately 2.2 billion gallons of fuel in 1985 and is projected to increase to 2.3 billion gallons. The change between 1985 and 1986 is 7 percent.

Revenues from motor fuels also increased due mostly to tax increases in 1984 and 1985. Revenues are expected to continue rising by 12.6 percent in 1986 reflecting additional tax increases in 1986.

Vehicle registrations and the number of drivers' licenses issued were up as well. Vehicle registrations increased from 166 million to 171 million a jump of 33 percent. Alabama registrations were up 3.1 percent from 2.3 million to 2.4 million.

In 1985 there were 156.9 million licensed drivers on the nation's highways and approximately 2.5 million on Alabama's highways. The number of female driver's is growing at a faster rate, 1.2 percent, than the number of male drivers, 0.7 percent.

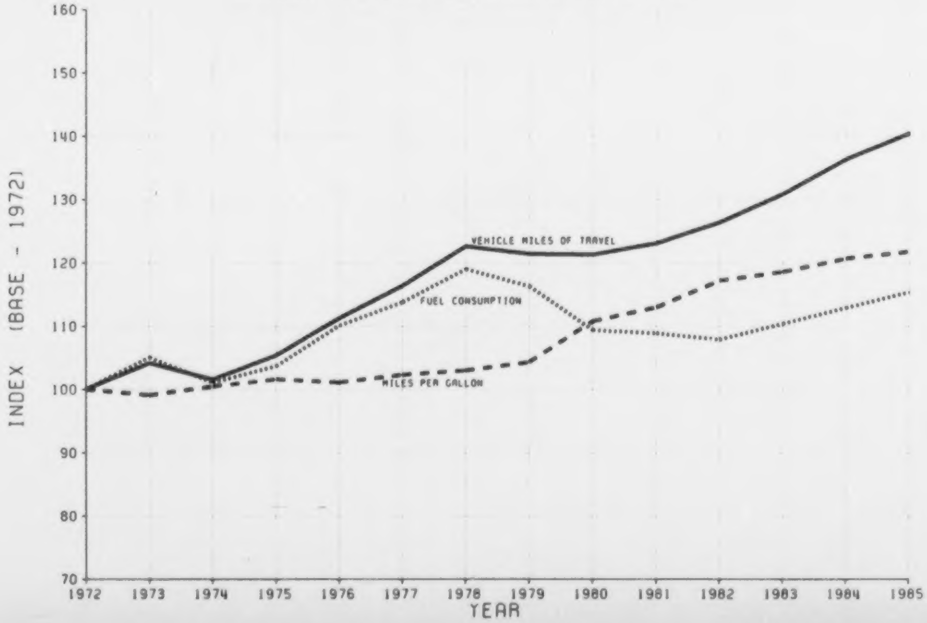
Total highway expenditures increased $6.2 billion in 1985 to $56.9 billion. Capital outlay increased also to $26.8 billion up 16.3 percent since 1984. Maintenance and traffic service expenditures amounted to $1.6 billion, up $1 billion.

Americans were on the road more in 1985. Travel was up 3.3 percent. Highway travel increased to an estimated 1,775 billion vehicle miles in 1985.

The country has approximately 3.86 million miles of existing public roads and streets, a decrease of 0.8 percent from 1984. Alabama has 87,798 miles of public roads and streets.

The interstate system accounts for about 1 percent of the nation's total route mileage and carries 21 percent of the travel. The arterial class highways (including interstate) represent 10 percent of the mileage and carry 69 percent of the travel. All arterial and collector highways combined, which include 26 percent of the nation's mileage, carry 86 percent of the total.

HIGHWAY TRAVEL AND FUEL CONSUMPTION



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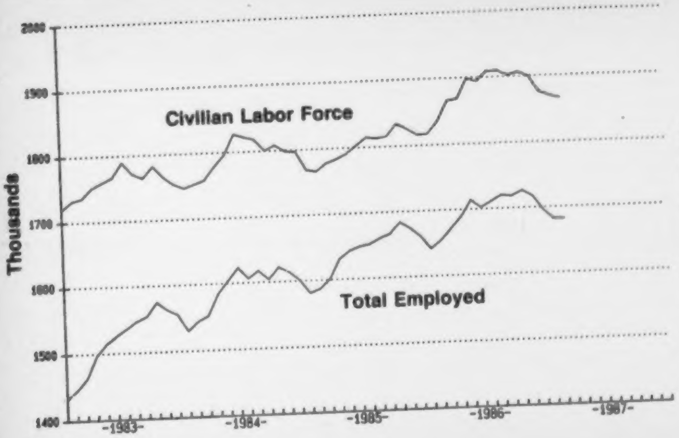

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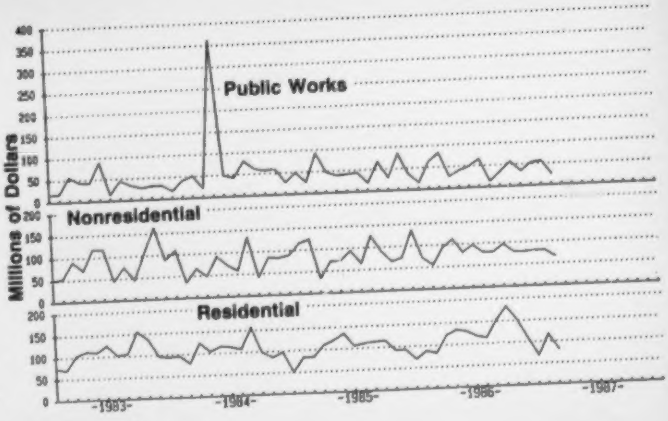

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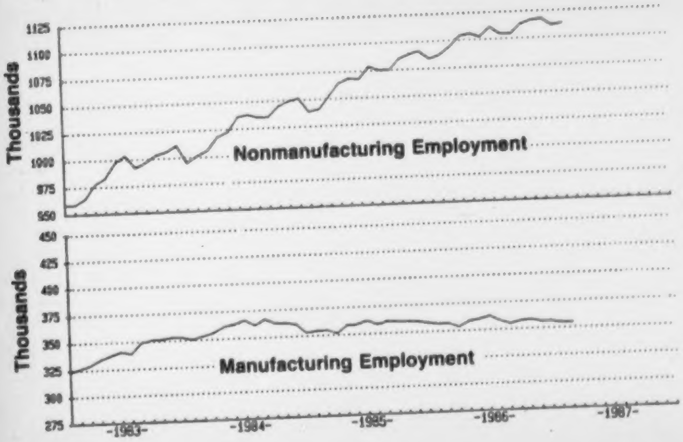

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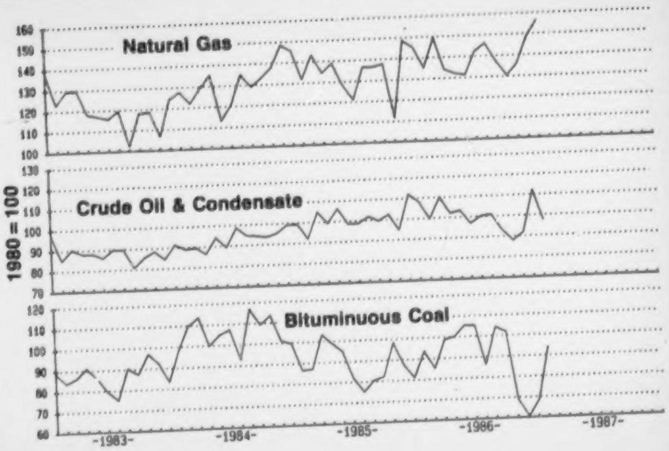

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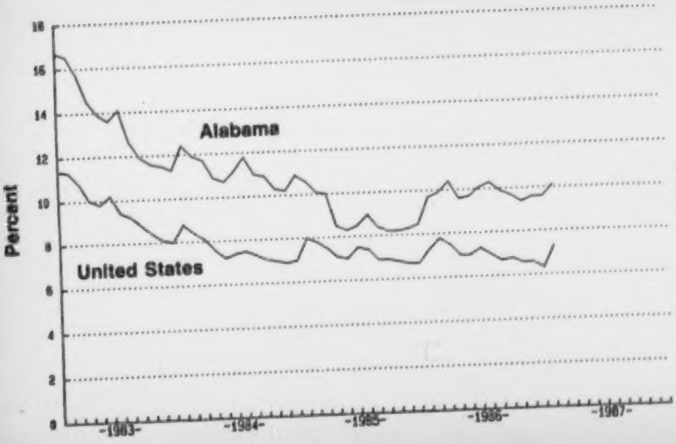

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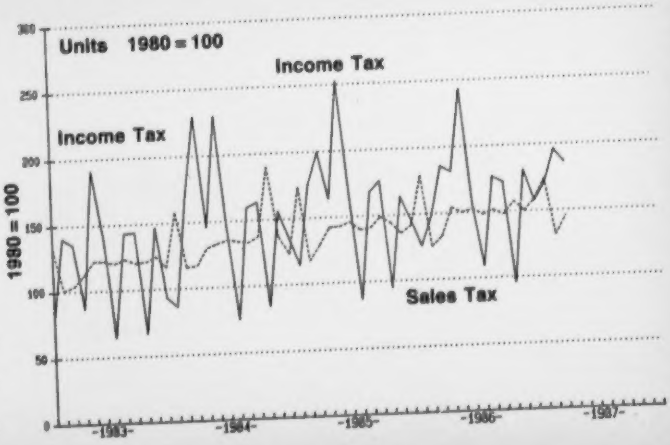

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS
FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986												1987
	1985	1986	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,421	23,895	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	45,927
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	550	509	558	556	548	541	523	526	496	576	543	560	590
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,014,400	189,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	288,400	221,300	201,900	253,700
Residential	1,240,900	1,461,600	93,700	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700
Nonresidential	1,062,900	1,012,900	79,700	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400
Public works and utilities	581,800	539,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	102	93	123	131	117	124	121	119	117	126	85	75	85
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	6,287	6,707	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767	....
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163
Franchise	69,838	75,068	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	965
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737	827	664	597	696	556
Sales	730,389	775,708	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	13,957	1	1	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907
Use	79,253	84,390	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	665	19,291
Utility	156,209	160,233	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	.3	.5	.0	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6
Food	309.8	319.7	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9
Housing	349.9	360.2	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1
Transportation	319.9	307.5	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5
Medical care	403.1	433.5	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6
Energy	426.5	370.3	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	308.9	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	323.8	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.6
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.305	.305	.307	.307	.306	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302	.300
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.324	.329	.333	.335	.334	.334	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,817.4	1,835.8	1,866.4	1,868.9	1,898.8	1,894.5	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	175.6	181.2	194.6	179.6	184.7	192.2	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.7	9.9	10.4	9.6	9.7	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,641.8	1,654.6	1,671.8	1,689.3	1,714.1	1,702.3	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,440.7	1,444.6	1,447.9	1,462.6	1,465.9	1,465.3	1,469.5	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	356.7	357.1	353.3	358.7	360.0	362.7	358.2	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	173.5	173.4	174.4	175.1	175.9	175.7	175.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.0	28.3	28.7	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	26.2	25.2	25.5	25.7	26.3	25.6	25.3	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8
Blast furn. and steel works	7.5	6.5	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.5	4.9	4.7
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.3
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	22.5	22.4	22.6	22.8	22.8	22.8	23.0	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	19.9	20.1	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	22.4	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.2	27.6	27.3	27.4	27.6	27.6	28.3	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.1	18.3	17.8	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	183.2	183.7	178.9	183.6	184.1	187.0	183.0	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4
Food	29.1	30.1	29.3	29.3	29.3	29.4	29.8	30.2	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	36.6	37.1	36.7	37.3	37.2	37.8	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1
Apparel	53.6	53.7	54.1	54.1	49.5	53.5	54.3	55.4	54.3	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.3	21.2	21.0	21.1	20.7	21.3	19.1	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,084.0	1,087.5	1,094.6	1,103.9	1,105.9	1,102.6	1,111.3	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	14.0	12.9	13.2	12.8	12.5	12.3	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	72.9	71.6	74.1	75.4	75.2	75.4	77.7	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.6	71.4	71.5	71.5	71.4	71.2	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6
Trade	305.6	320.4	311.1	310.1	312.3	315.7	317.9	319.3	322.6	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	76.2	76.4	76.7	76.4	76.7	76.8	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1
Retail	229.6	243.5	234.9	233.7	235.6	239.3	241.2	242.5	244.9	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	67.3	67.4	67.7	68.5	68.5	69.3	69.9	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	249.7	253.2	255.2	258.7	258.5	259.3	259.7	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1
Government	295.9	297.0	297.4	300.9	300.6	301.3	301.9	295.8	297.2	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8
Federal	65.2	64.2	63.7	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.8	64.2	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8
State and local	230.7	232.8	233.7	237.3	237.0	237.7	238.1	231.6	232.7	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986												1987
	1985	1986	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT (CONT)															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	23,564	17,409	18,856	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	6,225	5,648	6,392	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	67,431	28,573	32,598	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	20,141	15,497	15,660	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,257 8.7	15,694 7.9	14,950 7.8	15,130 7.4	15,330 7.1	15,350 6.2	15,760 7.4	15,760 7.8	16,030 8.5	15,870 7.5	15,970 8.1	16,220 9.2	16,160 9.2	15,800 8.1	15,870 8.9
Baldwin	37,577 7.7	38,264 8.9	37,150 9.3	37,410 9.0	37,950 9.2	37,980 8.8	38,560 8.7	38,530 8.7	39,250 9.5	38,780 8.0	38,170 8.3	38,230 8.2	38,520 8.8	38,640 10.0	38,370 10.1
Barbour	11,513 10.5	11,903 9.5	11,460 8.5	11,550 8.7	11,730 10.1	11,610 9.7	12,050 10.5	11,930 10.0	11,860 9.2	12,080 9.6	12,370 10.6	12,200 9.3	12,130 9.0	11,860 8.4	11,890 9.0
Bibb	6,880 12.4	7,273 13.3	7,000 15.9	7,200 14.5	7,150 12.6	7,150 14.5	7,310 13.4	7,440 13.0	7,370 11.5	7,370 11.6	7,320 11.4	7,400 11.5	7,310 14.0	7,260 16.0	7,280 16.8
Blount	17,227 6.9	16,682 9.0	15,940 7.5	16,320 8.9	17,300 12.7	16,490 8.0	16,790 9.1	16,760 9.3	16,740 8.6	16,760 8.8	16,740 8.6	16,730 8.3	16,830 9.0	16,780 9.4	16,840 10.6
Bullock	3,678 16.4	3,971 17.3	3,730 18.1	3,750 17.4	3,740 16.3	3,880 14.2	4,120 19.7	4,050 16.5	4,080 19.4	4,030 18.4	4,060 15.9	4,180 15.5	4,080 17.2	3,950 18.7	3,840 17.6
Butler	9,076 12.3	9,382 11.7	9,120 11.3	9,190 11.0	9,370 10.9	9,240 12.2	9,440 11.6	9,560 15.1	9,170 11.6	9,520 11.7	9,420 11.6	9,510 11.3	9,540 11.4	9,500 11.0	9,610 11.8
Calhoun	49,983 8.9	51,892 9.6	50,720 9.1	51,220 9.5	51,500 9.5	51,500 9.3	51,940 9.9	51,910 10.2	52,560 10.2	52,370 9.5	52,420 10.0	52,410 9.6	52,260 9.4	51,890 9.5	51,850 10.5
Chambers	16,933 8.8	17,241 8.6	16,930 8.0	17,190 8.7	17,230 7.6	17,070 7.6	17,340 8.4	17,200 9.0	17,840 12.0	17,540 9.3	17,260 9.1	17,140 8.1	17,110 7.6	17,040 7.7	17,020 7.7
Cherokee	7,963 14.7	7,768 13.5	7,600 14.4	7,550 14.4	7,740 23.7	7,810 14.7	7,990 13.3	7,870 13.6	7,730 12.6	7,820 11.0	7,850 10.2	7,870 10.9	7,800 11.5	7,590 12.0	7,770 12.0
Chilton	15,129 10.3	15,723 10.6	15,410 11.4	15,410 10.8	15,510 10.1	15,550 9.7	15,860 9.7	15,810 9.8	15,890 9.5	15,750 9.3	15,800 10.0	16,190 11.4	15,940 12.7	15,560 13.0	15,580 13.9
Choctaw	6,541 14.6	7,481 14.9	7,290 11.6	7,430 11.7	8,050 18.1	7,580 15.4	7,490 15.8	7,660 17.0	7,730 17.7	7,550 14.5	7,180 13.5	7,390 13.1	7,350 15.4	7,070 14.6	6,980 14.6
Clarke	11,044 9.9	11,363 11.4	11,130 11.2	11,110 11.3	11,170 17.2	11,220 11.9	11,320 11.0	11,410 11.0	11,430 10.4	11,480 9.7	11,360 9.9	11,590 10.3	11,570 10.5	11,570 12.0	11,590 11.9
Clay	6,397 11.1	6,358 15.0	6,380 18.5	6,200 10.5	6,680 21.3	6,670 24.9	6,470 25.7	6,380 12.0	6,270 11.5	6,380 11.8	6,250 12.9	6,300 12.3	6,210 9.7	6,110 8.5	6,220 11.2
Cleburne	5,766 9.1	5,719 8.8	5,650 7.6	5,570 9.2	5,510 11.3	5,730 8.4	5,780 7.3	5,700 7.1	5,750 7.6	5,890 9.2	5,930 15.2	5,800 8.3	5,640 6.7	5,680 7.1	5,630 7.8
Coffee	17,034 7.2	17,625 8.8	17,140 8.6	17,090 8.6	17,350 9.1	17,440 8.4	17,850 8.2	17,590 8.4	17,510 8.2	18,070 7.6	18,040 9.2	18,250 10.2	17,910 9.7	17,260 9.5	17,000 9.4
Colbert	24,545 13.1	24,628 13.9	23,940 14.4	24,170 14.3	24,370 13.2	24,770 13.8	24,960 13.0	24,660 14.2	25,020 15.0	25,020 14.2	24,860 14.3	24,730 13.0	24,540 13.3	24,500 14.3	24,360 15.1
Conecuh	6,309 10.8	6,458 16.0	6,480 14.5	6,400 14.1	6,820 18.8	6,590 15.5	6,650 15.2	6,570 15.7	6,170 12.7	6,300 15.3	6,290 15.4	6,400 17.3	6,440 17.9	6,380 19.5	6,360 20.9
Coosa	4,620 7.5	4,760 8.0	4,780 7.4	4,850 7.8	4,900 7.3	4,680 8.9	4,750 9.4	4,660 10.3	4,650 8.7	4,720 8.1	4,790 7.4	4,830 7.5	4,830 7.1	4,680 6.3	4,860 7.3
Covington	17,128 9.7	17,224 10.7	16,710 10.4	16,870 11.0	16,950 11.6	16,940 11.4	17,420 11.1	17,170 10.4	17,260 10.4	17,240 10.1	17,490 10.5	17,620 10.0	17,710 11.5	17,310 10.3	17,340 10.5
Crenshaw	6,104 9.1	6,187 9.0	5,860 9.3	5,920 9.1	6,180 14.6	5,950 8.5	6,330 8.3	6,140 8.5	6,120 8.3	6,280 8.2	6,430 7.5	6,480 7.7	6,370 8.7	6,180 9.5	6,080 9.7
Cullman	30,433 9.6	31,390 9.4	30,060 9.4	30,370 10.3	30,920 10.1	30,960 9.3	31,720 8.7	31,660 9.4	31,680 9.4	31,730 8.9	32,030 8.9	32,490 8.7	31,900 9.8	31,160 9.8	30,830 9.9
Dale	19,531 7.4	16,753 10.1	15,830 9.3	16,150 10.3	16,320 10.6	16,640 10.7	16,910 10.4	16,960 11.2	17,120 11.0	17,000 10.1	17,070 10.1	17,290 9.5	17,010 8.9	16,730 8.7	16,560 9.2
Dallas	22,316 15.0	23,022 15.9	22,650 16.5	22,500 15.5	23,270 15.5	23,060 15.0	23,740 15.5	23,640 17.0	23,620 15.8	23,390 15.4	22,840 15.2	22,830 15.6	22,500 16.4	22,220 16.8	22,060 16.0
DeKalb	27,461 10.4	28,748 10.0	27,120 11.1	27,430 11.3	28,190 11.5	28,170 9.5	29,180 9.5	29,170 10.1	29,540 10.3	29,810 9.3	29,510 9.4	29,400 9.1	29,060 9.6	28,390 9.5	28,360 10.9
Elmore	20,784 7.3	21,013 6.9	20,080 7.1	20,380 6.9	20,710 7.0	20,870 6.7	21,340 7.5	21,160 7.1	21,320 6.9	21,290 6.7	21,180 6.2	21,310 6.5	21,420 7.2	21,090 6.8	21,070 7.2
Escambia	16,738 9.9	17,061 11.5	16,730 10.6	16,820 10.9	17,250 15.1	17,130 12.0	17,330 11.9	17,100 11.9	17,210 11.2	17,330 10.0	17,110 10.1	17,040 10.4	16,930 11.1	16,750 12.7	16,770 13.8
Etowah	42,225 10.3	43,954 13.0	42,410 10.6	43,530 15.9	44,690 17.4	43,980 13.6	44,960 14.9	44,050 13.1	44,800 13.4	44,390 11.8	43,840 11.5	43,700 11.0	43,750 11.5	43,350 11.8	43,270 12.8
Fayette	8,229 14.3	8,028 13.8	8,070 14.4	8,110 13.9	8,140 14.8	8,110 15.2	8,110 13.7	7,840 13.4	7,850 13.8	8,030 13.4	8,070 13.8	8,060 13.2	8,030 12.5	7,910 13.0	7,840 12.1
Franklin	15,046 13.7	15,310 13.6	15,240 15.8	15,320 15.8	15,340 15.1	15,250 13.3	15,200 12.0	15,310 13.1	15,930 16.0	15,740 13.5	15,120 12.5	15,210 12.1	15,180 12.0	14,880 12.1	15,340 14.6
Geneva	10,714 9.5	11,047 8.5	10,360 8.1	10,540 8.6	10,770 9.3	10,870 9.2	11,310 8.9	11,290 8.6	11,400 9.6	11,340 7.9	11,400 8.2	11,590 8.5	11,040 7.3	10,650 7.5	10,460 8.4
Greene	3,841 17.6	3,733 15.9	3,490 14.8	3,630 16.6	3,860 19.1	3,690 15.2	3,720 14.5	3,640 15.9	3,710 15.8	3,760 15.4	3,830 15.1	3,890 15.4	3,820 15.6	3,760 17.1	3,760 17.3
Hale	5,891 11.3	5,986 10.7	5,550 10.6	5,630 10.1	5,780 11.5	5,790 10.3	6,100 11.3	5,990 11.3	6,010 9.9	6,170 11.6	6,230 9.8	6,290 9.4	6,230 11.1	6,060 11.2	6,070 11.4
Henry	6,748 10.6	6,631 9.7	6,470 11.9	6,520 12.0	6,580 11.6	6,640 11.2	6,820 9.1	6,630 9.7	6,560 10.0	6,620 8.7	6,840 9.1	6,830 7.7	6,650 7.8	6,410 7.9	6,370 8.2
Houston	33,718 8.4	39,734 8.3	38,060 8.7	38,380 8.7	38,610 8.6	39,550 9.2	39,960 8.3	39,760 8.4	40,540 9.1	40,160 8.0	40,320 8.0	40,890 7.4	40,530 7.5	40,050 7.7	39,400 7.7
Jackson	20,483 12.3	20,968 14.7	20,500 16.8	20,850 17.3	21,010 19.1	20,720 13.4	21,030 13.0	21,240 14.6	20,980 15.2	21,000 13.7	21,050 13.1	21,150 12.1	21,370 16.4	20,710 12.0	20,730 13.1
Jefferson	312,343 6.9	335,634 7.7	322,890 6.9	326,020 6.9	331,060 6.9	333,470 7.2	336,180 7.3	336,040 7.7	340,350 8.3	342,060 8.8	341,530 8.6	340,740 8.2	339,950 8.1	337,320 8.0	335,860 8.5
Lamar	8,808 8.0	8,856 8.9	8,670 7.5	8,700 7.5	8,630 8.3	8,720 8.2	8,900 8.5	8,880 8.6	9,140 11.4	8,930 9.5	9,000 10.5	8,790 9.1	8,900 8.6	8,810 8.7	8,920 8.9
Lauderdale	36,158 10.9	37,027 11.6	36,040 12.2	36,750 13.0	37,090 11.9	37,040 11.0	37,810 11.3	37,520 12.9	37,260 11.9	37,270 11.0	37,100 11.2	37,330 11.0	36,820 10.7	36,290 10.6	36,080 11.5

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986												1987
	1985	1986	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lawrence	12,636 12.7	12,632 14.6	12,460 16.1	12,590 16.0	12,750 15.4	12,440 15.2	12,670 13.4	12,580 13.8	12,650 14.1	13,040 15.5	12,720 12.9	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9
Lee	37,752 7.0	38,124 7.7	37,320 7.7	38,470 9.1	38,170 7.6	38,560 7.2	39,020 7.2	38,200 8.1	38,440 9.5	37,760 7.5	37,790 7.9	38,070 7.2	38,260 6.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1
Limestone	27,043 7.1	29,806 8.9	28,610 8.8	28,960 9.9	29,520 9.9	29,520 8.8	30,220 8.7	29,940 9.1	29,910 9.3	29,900 11.1	30,460 7.5	30,570 8.0	30,330 7.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5
Lowndes	4,636 14.1	4,525 15.8	4,290 12.4	4,390 13.1	4,530 13.4	4,400 14.9	4,560 15.1	4,400 19.0	4,420 18.0	4,590 18.7	4,670 16.5	4,720 16.4	4,750 16.6	4,580 16.0	4,350 17.9
Macon	10,453 8.5	10,693 9.0	10,340 9.5	10,430 9.1	10,520 8.8	10,560 8.5	10,850 9.5	10,820 10.0	10,910 9.8	10,850 9.1	10,760 8.1	10,910 9.2	10,710 8.4	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7
Madison	117,762 5.9	126,253 7.2	120,130 6.3	121,460 6.6	123,690 7.2	124,240 6.7	126,420 6.7	128,530 7.8	128,590 7.5	128,380 7.9	128,380 7.6	128,630 7.5	128,660 7.3	127,930 7.2	126,610 7.0
Marengo	9,934 10.6	10,045 11.1	9,590 10.7	9,300 11.0	10,540 16.3	10,360 10.4	10,430 10.1	9,940 10.8	10,110 13.5	10,070 10.3	10,070 9.5	10,140 9.6	10,020 10.2	9,970 10.7	9,800 10.4
Marion	15,278 13.8	16,083 14.3	15,890 14.5	15,890 14.1	15,940 13.9	16,200 13.5	16,250 12.3	16,230 12.8	16,550 16.4	16,220 14.5	16,110 14.9	16,150 14.1	15,960 15.2	15,610 15.3	15,620 16.9
Marshall	35,615 8.7	37,011 11.8	36,350 12.3	36,100 10.9	37,390 17.5	36,330 11.0	37,080 11.1	37,360 12.1	38,250 14.0	37,450 10.9	37,380 10.5	37,000 10.3	37,020 11.1	36,420 10.4	36,300 10.7
Mobile	166,738 9.4	172,880 11.1	166,310 10.7	168,350 10.8	171,320 11.3	171,790 11.1	174,860 11.3	175,670 11.7	176,630 11.3	176,980 11.2	173,910 11.2	173,620 10.8	173,350 10.6	171,770 10.7	171,770 11.5
Monroe	9,085 13.5	9,649 13.3	9,260 13.2	9,250 12.6	10,630 29.0	9,480 14.2	9,580 12.0	9,380 11.3	9,520 10.5	9,760 9.8	9,720 9.2	9,750 10.2	9,810 12.6	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3
Montgomery	91,901 7.2	97,695 7.6	92,880 7.3	94,400 7.3	95,710 7.2	96,860 7.3	99,120 8.1	98,730 8.1	99,450 8.0	99,110 7.5	99,020 7.5	99,750 7.8	99,480 7.9	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5
Morgan	43,368 8.1	45,825 10.0	44,270 9.8	44,520 10.2	45,050 10.2	45,400 9.5	46,200 9.1	46,640 10.0	46,770 10.5	47,190 11.5	46,010 9.7	46,260 9.9	45,920 9.6	45,670 9.7	45,390 10.1
Perry	5,336 13.2	5,444 12.9	5,180 15.4	5,100 9.8	5,370 11.7	5,220 10.1	5,620 12.4	5,490 12.4	5,540 12.5	5,540 12.9	5,520 10.9	5,630 10.4	5,620 15.4	5,500 20.3	5,480 19.0
Pickens	6,965 15.2	7,558 14.7	7,000 14.4	7,100 14.9	7,120 14.8	7,260 14.7	7,880 14.2	7,560 14.3	7,690 14.7	7,900 15.5	7,870 13.6	8,050 15.0	7,750 15.1	7,520 15.5	7,470 15.6
Pike	11,773 8.0	12,612 8.6	12,110 8.2	12,230 8.8	12,420 8.6	12,560 7.9	12,830 8.4	12,640 8.8	12,490 9.5	12,650 9.5	12,980 7.5	13,190 8.4	13,030 8.4	12,210 9.1	12,630 8.3
Randolph	8,865 9.6	9,424 9.2	9,170 7.8	9,090 7.5	9,270 7.9	9,440 7.9	9,620 11.6	9,420 10.2	9,330 9.7	9,750 12.4	9,450 10.4	9,520 9.4	9,600 8.3	9,430 7.5	9,440 7.2
Russell	20,634 10.5	22,641 9.6	22,240 11.0	22,150 10.1	22,530 10.2	22,570 9.4	22,580 9.0	22,680 9.1	22,780 9.4	22,960 9.1	22,790 8.8	22,900 9.9	22,810 9.4	22,700 9.2	22,680 9.7
St. Clair	20,691 8.1	20,610 8.4	19,990 8.2	20,300 8.8	20,510 8.3	20,380 7.4	20,710 8.2	20,890 9.4	21,200 10.2	20,700 8.1	20,710 8.1	20,700 7.8	20,620 7.6	20,610 8.1	20,440 8.3
Shelby	34,261 7.0	37,153 6.8	36,240 7.2	36,520 7.1	36,580 5.8	36,830 6.0	37,260 6.5	37,310 7.0	37,510 6.9	37,310 6.5	37,320 6.5	38,170 8.3	37,440 6.6	37,340 7.0	37,010 7.1
Sumter	6,147 13.7	6,243 21.0	6,040 19.4	6,070 20.8	6,320 22.7	6,270 22.2	6,450 22.0	6,440 26.3	6,460 25.1	6,410 22.5	6,230 18.3	6,260 17.9	6,160 17.8	5,800 17.2	5,830 16.3
Talladega	31,537 13.1	32,143 12.4	30,940 11.8	31,210 11.9	31,580 12.1	31,840 12.1	32,310 12.0	32,310 12.7	32,810 13.6	32,950 13.0	32,660 13.1	32,590 12.4	32,350 12.0	32,170 11.9	32,110 12.5
Tallapoosa	18,258 8.2	19,101 8.0	18,350 9.6	18,500 8.5	18,440 7.7	18,700 6.9	19,210 7.9	19,400 8.8	19,640 9.3	19,720 8.2	19,430 7.7	19,360 7.5	19,350 6.9	19,110 6.5	19,060 7.5
Tuscaloosa	64,346 6.8	68,450 7.7	66,220 7.3	67,150 7.6	67,780 7.6	68,060 7.3	68,760 8.2	67,120 8.6	67,710 8.2	69,420 8.1	70,000 7.6	70,000 7.1	69,930 7.3	69,250 7.5	69,180 7.6
Walker	33,097 9.9	30,633 15.2	30,600 17.6	31,140 18.3	31,250 17.3	31,320 17.1	31,320 16.6	31,570 17.6	31,700 17.4	30,110 13.1	29,750 12.0	29,350 10.6	29,730 11.9	29,760 12.5	30,000 14.1
Washington	5,855 14.9	5,594 19.4	5,470 19.9	5,420 18.3	5,720 21.8	5,540 19.3	5,660 19.3	5,770 21.5	5,770 22.0	5,530 18.1	5,570 17.8	5,580 16.9	5,570 17.6	5,530 20.3	5,490 20.6
Wilcox	4,391 16.4	4,402 16.8	4,250 16.2	4,260 16.4	4,310 17.3	4,310 17.5	4,450 17.5	4,540 19.4	4,480 18.8	4,490 17.1	4,430 15.7	4,500 15.3	4,470 15.9	4,330 14.7	4,300 14.8
Winston	10,488 17.1	10,288 21.1	10,270 26.4	10,270 26.9	10,440 25.6	10,590 22.9	10,380 19.7	10,260 19.4	10,320 19.2	10,350 19.2	10,220 17.0	10,130 16.4	10,230 20.0	9,990 20.0	10,080 22.9
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	774,985	724,844	58,252	70,563	62,021	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	60,114	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	13,402	14,214	984	1,427	1,232	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,061	....
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	602,564	791,116	77,115	82,535	77,691	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	115,624	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	22,799	21,851	2,588	2,214	1,620	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	1,851	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,242	38,701	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	....
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,020	26,789	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,881,466	2,012,114	159,132	142,757	163,267	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	....
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	153,540	159,481	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[10] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	2,957	262	251	223	222	250	238	250	255	253	252	248	253	....
General stores with food and gas	....	2,508	184	160	214	191	197	186	180	195	181	204	244	374	....
Apparel	....	743	45	44	55	53	56	52	52	66	62	67	74	117	....
Furniture, furnishings, etc	....	875	60	54	58	64	69	64	72	78	78	80	83	117	....
Automotive	....	3,661	254	254	265	299	341	303	318	346	420	302	243	316	....
Gasoline service stations	....	249	19	18	18	20	21	21	22	22	23	23	20	20	....
Lumber and building materials	....	1,397	89	87	102	127	124	116	126	130	134	140	114	108	....
Hardware and farm implements	....	187	13	12	13	16	15	15	16	16	18	18	17	18	....
Eating places	....	1,461	103	99	112	116	123	123	126	137	132	130	124	136	....
Drug stores	....	362	28	25	25	31	34	29	30	30	28	31	28	44	....
All other retail	....	1,844	137	122	120	145	148	136	140	152	153	173	158	261	....
Total sales by retail concerns	....	16,245	1,195	1,126	1,204	1,286	1,376	1,282	1,331	1,426	1,482	1,420	1,353	1,764	....
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	....	4,868	347	329	373	460	463	439	558	482	414	418	375	212	....
Total all sales at retail	19,495	21,113	1,541	1,455	1,577	1,746	1,839	1,721	1,889	1,908	1,897	1,838	1,728	1,976	....

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986												1987
	1985	1986	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[10] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	550,157	618,686	43,036	41,428	47,648	50,347	53,620	50,266	55,558	57,826	56,082	52,974	51,019	58,882	......
Birmingham	5,381,834	5,869,572	429,397	409,893	443,081	461,983	503,348	464,767	534,357	539,013	541,958	523,414	488,584	509,777	......
Dothan	668,116	678,483	51,738	50,433	52,096	57,815	61,709	56,327	59,833	58,274	59,370	58,152	47,366	65,370	......
Florence	649,063	682,027	50,230	46,882	51,122	56,355	58,760	56,335	60,175	60,948	61,649	56,930	55,899	66,742	......
Gadsden	476,153	513,470	35,785	34,258	38,694	45,056	44,651	42,008	49,771	47,047	47,814	43,769	40,904	43,713	......
Huntsville	1,167,873	1,217,607	92,701	86,639	89,747	99,249	104,510	98,115	106,003	108,171	108,615	107,660	98,897	117,300	......
Mobile	2,198,671	2,270,764	174,580	159,365	169,779	194,805	207,795	198,512	213,970	207,212	202,033	189,356	175,023	178,334	......
Montgomery	1,521,511	1,622,620	116,383	114,297	128,907	135,363	142,689	133,026	147,045	139,073	146,480	139,515	128,939	150,903	......
Tuscaloosa	678,278	728,238	55,403	50,920	54,454	60,776	60,959	58,577	66,808	68,137	65,661	66,793	61,202	58,548	......
Counties															
Autauga	106,449	121,211	8,813	8,120	9,126	9,393	9,225	8,862	12,906	11,458	12,660	11,447	10,857	8,344	......
Baldwin	359,244	361,039	25,828	25,487	27,712	32,190	34,855	34,604	37,098	33,864	29,981	26,804	24,930	27,686	......
Barbour	75,817	81,526	5,825	5,782	5,906	6,467	7,632	7,024	7,231	6,889	6,787	6,958	6,740	8,285	......
Bibb	44,459	49,456	3,478	3,446	3,844	4,028	4,426	4,362	4,277	4,404	4,224	4,321	3,772	4,874	......
Blount	100,962	100,743	7,992	7,113	7,528	8,305	8,924	8,336	8,078	9,011	8,811	8,992	8,308	9,345	......
Bullock	25,663	25,676	2,345	2,096	2,034	1,986	1,999	2,042	2,118	2,195	1,975	2,049	2,027	2,810	......
Butler	63,441	62,904	5,109	4,688	5,019	5,413	5,394	5,339	5,712	5,227	4,899	5,645	4,911	5,548	......
Calhoun	550,157	618,686	43,036	41,428	47,648	50,347	53,620	50,266	55,558	57,826	56,082	52,974	51,019	58,882	......
Chambers	109,719	116,302	8,643	8,422	9,449	10,141	10,372	9,524	9,953	10,167	9,046	9,509	9,548	11,528	......
Cherokee	50,330	50,371	4,287	3,674	3,486	4,763	4,555	4,486	4,275	4,500	4,366	4,041	3,630	4,308	......
Chilton	110,339	117,430	8,412	8,468	8,808	9,565	10,737	9,788	11,273	10,491	9,770	9,452	9,315	11,351	......
Choctaw	38,892	35,769	3,243	2,743	2,804	3,068	3,193	2,820	3,092	3,203	2,875	3,008	2,397	3,323	......
Clarke	107,382	104,974	8,379	7,562	8,464	9,377	10,236	9,642	8,854	8,917	8,956	8,541	7,598	8,448	......
Clay	26,980	30,354	2,354	2,129	2,128	2,397	2,477	2,344	2,566	2,614	3,033	2,522	2,691	3,099	......
Cleburne	23,638	23,970	1,669	1,725	1,777	1,956	2,266	1,992	2,169	2,052	2,573	2,172	1,567	2,052	......
Coffee	193,686	203,409	15,042	13,978	15,004	17,249	19,648	16,958	17,272	17,426	18,504	15,148	16,894	20,286	......
Colbert	251,472	256,612	19,130	17,969	19,404	21,972	21,928	21,478	22,227	22,067	24,005	21,220	20,411	24,801	......
Conecuh	38,961	32,755	2,704	2,548	2,569	2,815	3,101	2,633	2,953	2,866	2,634	2,758	2,507	2,667	......
Coosa	10,205	10,041	810	685	781	863	879	1,126	832	782	786	817	823	857	......
Covington	138,329	139,185	10,796	10,174	11,293	12,000	12,517	12,112	12,757	12,142	12,415	10,721	10,314	11,944	......
Crenshaw	35,535	38,677	2,857	2,446	3,023	3,073	3,578	3,181	3,088	3,715	3,580	3,694	2,833	3,609	......
Cullman	251,554	271,833	18,739	17,763	19,810	23,464	[illegible]	21,274	24,828	25,591	24,839	24,309	22,987	23,691	......
Dale	115,091	115,880	8,566	8,555	8,334	10,110	[illegible]	9,925	10,120	10,173	10,347	9,106	8,690	11,073	......
Dallas	209,353	210,604	15,928	14,872	16,439	17,575	18,628	17,269	17,894	18,583	17,881	17,711	17,035	20,789	......
DeKalb	190,560	203,849	14,360	13,807	13,900	16,175	17,793	18,933	17,868	18,097	19,174	18,015	17,289	18,438	......
Elmore	109,703	109,729	8,450	8,461	9,148	9,533	10,059	9,762	9,584	9,275	9,562	8,681	8,037	9,177	......
Escambia	144,111	139,980	10,722	10,063	10,708	12,169	12,477	11,123	12,323	12,094	12,715	11,564	10,944	13,078	......
Etowah	476,153	513,470	35,785	34,258	38,694	45,056	44,651	42,008	49,771	47,047	47,814	43,769	40,904	43,713	......
Fayette	63,574	67,687	5,251	5,216	4,424	5,716	6,303	5,942	5,446	5,971	5,992	5,115	5,385	6,926	......
Franklin	105,804	97,935	7,716	6,996	7,809	7,949	8,494	7,961	8,485	8,765	8,343	8,082	7,919	9,416	......
Geneva	145,561	141,014	11,566	10,772	11,230	12,140	12,204	12,155	11,826	11,784	11,898	11,442	11,445	12,552	......
Greene	16,901	18,181	1,363	1,391	1,461	1,529	1,661	1,584	1,523	1,603	1,690	1,367	1,393	1,616	......
Hale	32,330	32,588	2,482	2,472	2,503	2,762	2,980	2,766	2,862	2,864	2,968	2,562	2,443	2,924	......
Henry	38,584	37,944	3,051	2,706	2,583	3,253	3,113	3,417	3,082	3,527	3,012	3,230	3,120	3,850	......
Houston	553,025	562,603	43,172	41,878	43,762	47,705	50,828	46,402	49,713	48,101	49,023	49,046	38,676	54,297	......
Jackson	146,740	153,954	10,764	10,039	11,157	13,110	13,482	12,952	13,652	14,415	14,060	13,422	12,290	14,591	......
Jefferson	4,540,766	4,916,917	361,426	344,872	372,965	402,728	421,010	388,870	445,013	447,356	452,520	435,119	409,288	435,750	......
Lamar	37,832	38,309	3,175	2,941	2,627	3,115	3,704	3,385	3,455	3,581	3,012	3,494	2,704	3,116	......
Lauderdale	397,591	425,415	31,100	28,913	31,718	34,383	36,832	34,857	37,948	38,881	37,644	35,710	35,488	41,941	......
Lawrence	58,010	59,690	4,323	4,069	4,519	4,580	5,111	4,667	5,259	5,319	4,868	5,269	5,300	6,386	......
Lee	374,847	386,885	29,779	26,769	30,511	32,545	35,343	31,200	32,802	31,758	35,425	33,088	30,852	36,813	......
Limestone	177,907	190,123	14,143	13,155	13,997	15,496	16,242	15,156	17,832	17,528	17,290	16,978	15,911	16,393	......
Lowndes	21,624	22,385	1,587	1,677	1,745	1,816	1,971	1,960	1,941	1,940	2,098	1,723	1,680	2,247	......
Macon	44,800	48,108	4,002	3,640	3,545	4,213	4,636	3,876	3,953	4,050	4,422	4,282	3,576	3,913	......
Madison	1,167,873	1,217,607	92,701	86,639	89,747	99,249	104,510	98,115	106,003	108,171	108,615	107,660	98,897	117,300	......
Marengo	77,635	78,433	6,324	5,875	6,193	6,509	6,689	6,151	6,469	6,640	6,620	6,560	6,180	8,223	......
Marion	104,541	108,754	8,719	7,998	8,184	8,882	9,843	9,181	9,061	9,467	8,940	8,871	8,821	10,787	......
Marshall	383,587	415,141	28,697	27,933	31,290	33,996	37,091	34,358	37,992	37,621	38,968	35,952	34,061	37,182	......
Mobile	1,839,427	1,909,725	148,752	133,878	142,067	162,615	172,940	163,908	176,872	173,348	172,052	162,552	150,093	150,648	......
Monroe	106,522	75,639	6,020	5,781	5,314	6,323	6,775	6,630	6,762	7,259	6,520	6,040	5,521	6,694	......
Montgomery	1,305,359	1,391,680	99,120	97,716	110,633	116,437	123,405	114,402	124,555	118,340	124,258	119,387	110,045	133,382	......
Morgan	519,236	562,449	40,092	37,813	42,669	46,814	49,652	46,026	50,460	50,837	50,860	49,561	44,830	52,835	......
Perry	24,329	24,596	1,875	1,844	1,917	2,161	2,106	1,993	2,091	2,251	2,288	2,146	1,917	2,006	......
Pickens	42,094	44,455	3,308	3,190	3,143	4,288	4,422	3,824	3,889	4,049	3,912	3,703	3,004	3,723	......
Pike	99,502	106,335	8,520	7,648	8,183	9,523	9,728	8,584	8,981	9,626	9,451	8,650	7,999	9,442	......
Randolph	59,478	57,243	5,228	4,347	4,428	4,553	4,866	4,164	4,624	5,022	5,133	4,915	4,255	5,708	......
Russell	123,654	125,876	9,223	8,722	9,497	11,616	11,552	10,934	11,151	11,003	9,724	10,629	9,752	12,073	......
St. Clair	137,189	155,759	11,666	10,845	12,235	13,666	14,584	13,542	14,506	15,007	14,333	12,733	11,909	10,733	......
Shelby	276,044	328,242	22,930	21,918	23,939	27,469	27,836	26,675	31,134	31,537	30,542	31,287	27,614	25,361	......
Sumter	30,584	30,802	2,402	2,098	2,327	2,630	2,636	2,400	2,561	2,639	2,501	2,651	2,645	3,312	......
Talladega	259,854	282,605	20,244	18,958	19,598	23,403	26,941	22,685	27,516	25,768	24,610	25,236	23,282	24,464	......
Tallapoosa	134,917	145,371	10,381	10,700	10,281	12,532	13,316	12,771	13,093	13,340	11,842	11,905	11,671	13,539	......
Tuscaloosa	678,278	728,238	55,403	50,920	54,454	60,776	60,959	58,577	66,808	68,137	65,661	66,793	61,202	58,548	......
Walker	326,873	367,911	25,383	25,145	26,414	29,815	30,994	27,344	35,626	36,102	35,752	35,283	31,465	28,588	......
Washington	20,665	20,737	1,642	1,533	1,242	1,694	1,867	1,724	1,990	1,970	2,187	1,684	1,404	1,800	......
Wilcox	25,920	24,920	2,076	1,839	1,796	2,106	2,245	1,913	2,270	2,197	2,055	2,114	1,962	2,347	......
Winston	80,242	83,034	6,220	5,676	6,178	7,215	7,679	6,758	7,459	7,498	6,905	7,111	6,838	7,487	......
Statewide[10]	1,077,662	1,481,693	86,119	80,072	93,652	106,859	111,860	111,567	115,404	140,040	128,224	138,764	146,185	222,947	......

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

[9] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R.L. Polk and Company.

[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986											1987	
	1985	1986	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
PRODUCTION															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,421	23,895	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	....
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	....
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	31,360	41,574	33,526	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	35,820
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	....
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	509	558	556	548	541	523	526	496	576	543	560	590	531
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,017,500	191,400	313,000	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	288,400	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100
Residential	1,240,900	1,461,300	79,800	124,600	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600
Nonresidential	1,062,900	1,016,300	47,400	105,200	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800
Public works and utilities	581,800	539,800	64,300	83,100	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	93	123	131	117	124	121	119	117	126	85	75	85	86
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	6,287	6,707	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767	6,804	6,879
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952
Franchise	69,838	75,088	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	985	2,214
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,529	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,998	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737	827	664	597	696	556	577
Sales	730,389	775,708	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	1	1	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,063
Use	79,253	84,390	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	665	19,291	795
Utility	156,209	160,233	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4
Percent change	3.6	1.9	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	.3	.5	.0	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4
Food	309.8	319.7	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1
Housing	349.9	360.2	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4
Transportation	319.9	307.5	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0
Medical care	403.1	433.5	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4
Energy	426.5	370.3	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.7
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.6	315.7
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.305	.307	.307	.306	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302	.300	.299
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.329	.333	.335	.334	.334	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332	.330
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,835.8	1,866.4	1,868.9	1,898.8	1,894.5	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	181.2	194.6	179.6	184.7	192.2	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.9	10.4	9.6	9.7	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,654.6	1,671.8	1,689.3	1,714.1	1,702.3	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,444.6	1,447.9	1,462.6	1,465.9	1,465.3	1,469.5	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	357.1	353.3	358.7	360.0	362.7	358.2	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	173.4	174.4	175.1	175.9	175.7	175.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.3	28.7	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	25.2	25.5	25.7	26.3	25.6	25.3	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9
Blast furn. and steel works	7.5	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.8
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.3
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	22.4	22.6	22.8	22.8	22.8	23.0	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.1	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5
Electrical, electronic equipment	22.8	22.2	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.6	27.3	27.4	27.6	27.6	28.3	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.1	18.3	17.8	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	183.7	178.9	183.6	184.1	187.0	183.0	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7
Food	29.1	30.1	29.3	29.3	29.4	29.8	30.2	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.1	36.7	37.3	37.2	37.8	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3
Apparel	53.6	53.7	54.1	49.5	53.5	54.3	55.4	54.3	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.2	21.0	21.1	20.7	21.3	19.1	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.7	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,087.5	1,094.6	1,103.9	1,105.9	1,102.6	1,111.3	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	12.9	13.2	12.8	12.5	12.3	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	71.6	74.1	75.4	75.2	75.4	77.7	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.4	71.5	71.5	71.4	71.2	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7
Trade	305.6	320.4	310.1	312.3	315.7	317.9	319.3	322.6	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	76.4	76.7	76.4	76.7	76.8	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3
Retail	229.6	243.5	233.7	235.6	239.3	241.2	242.5	244.9	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	67.4	67.7	68.5	68.5	69.3	69.9	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	253.2	255.2	256.7	256.5	259.3	259.7	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1
Government	295.9	297.0	300.9	300.6	301.3	301.9	295.8	297.2	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7
Federal	65.2	64.2	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.8	64.2	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1
State and local	230.7	232.8	237.3	237.0	237.7	238.1	231.6	232.7	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986											1987	
	1985	1986	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT cont.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	17,409	18,856	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,766	5,648	6,392	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	28,573	32,598	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	15,497	15,660	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,257 8.7	15,694 7.9	15,130 7.4	15,330 7.1	15,350 6.2	15,760 7.4	15,760 7.8	16,030 8.5	15,870 7.5	15,970 8.1	16,220 9.2	16,160 9.2	15,800 8.1	15,870 8.9	15,960 9.6
Baldwin	37,577 7.7	38,264 8.9	37,410 9.0	37,950 9.2	37,980 8.8	38,560 8.7	38,530 8.7	39,250 9.5	38,780 8.0	38,170 8.3	38,230 8.2	38,520 8.8	38,640 10.0	38,370 10.1	38,040 9.5
Barbour	11,513 10.5	11,903 9.5	11,550 8.7	11,730 10.1	11,610 9.7	12,050 10.5	11,930 10.0	11,860 9.2	12,080 9.6	12,370 10.6	12,200 9.3	12,130 9.0	11,860 8.4	11,890 9.0	11,930 10.4
Bibb	6,880 12.4	7,273 13.3	7,200 14.5	7,150 12.6	7,150 14.5	7,310 13.4	7,440 13.0	7,370 11.5	7,370 11.6	7,320 11.4	7,400 11.5	7,310 14.0	7,260 16.0	7,280 16.8	7,220 14.7
Blount	17,227 6.9	16,682 9.0	16,320 8.9	17,300 12.7	16,490 8.0	16,790 9.1	16,760 9.3	16,740 8.6	16,760 8.8	16,740 8.6	16,730 8.3	16,830 9.0	16,780 9.4	16,840 10.6	16,680 9.8
Bullock	3,678 16.4	3,971 17.3	3,750 17.4	3,740 16.3	3,880 14.2	4,120 19.7	4,050 16.5	4,080 19.4	4,030 18.4	4,060 15.9	4,180 15.5	4,080 17.2	3,950 18.7	3,840 17.6	3,770 15.7
Butler	9,076 12.3	9,382 11.7	9,190 11.0	9,370 10.9	9,240 12.2	9,440 11.6	9,560 15.1	9,170 11.6	9,520 11.7	9,420 11.6	9,510 11.3	9,540 11.4	9,500 11.0	9,610 11.8	9,630 14.0
Calhoun	49,963 8.9	51,892 9.6	51,220 9.5	51,500 9.5	51,500 9.3	51,940 9.9	51,910 10.2	52,560 10.2	52,370 9.5	52,420 10.0	52,410 9.6	52,260 9.4	51,890 9.5	51,850 10.5	51,600 10.2
Chambers	16,933 8.8	17,241 8.6	17,190 8.7	17,230 7.6	17,070 7.6	17,340 8.4	17,200 9.0	17,840 12.0	17,540 9.3	17,260 9.1	17,140 8.1	17,110 7.6	17,040 7.7	17,020 7.7	17,000 7.7
Cherokee	7,963 14.7	7,768 13.5	7,550 14.4	7,740 23.7	7,810 14.7	7,990 13.3	7,870 13.6	7,730 12.6	7,820 11.0	7,850 10.2	7,870 10.9	7,800 11.5	7,590 12.0	7,770 12.0	7,780 12.0
Chilton	15,120 10.3	15,723 10.6	15,410 10.8	15,510 10.1	15,550 9.7	15,860 9.7	15,810 9.8	15,890 9.5	15,750 9.3	15,800 10.0	16,190 11.4	15,940 12.7	15,560 13.0	15,580 13.9	15,630 12.2
Choctaw	6,541 14.6	7,481 14.9	7,430 11.7	8,050 18.1	7,580 15.4	7,490 15.8	7,660 17.0	7,730 17.7	7,550 14.5	7,180 13.5	7,390 13.1	7,350 15.4	7,070 14.6	6,980 14.6	6,860 13.1
Clarke	11,044 9.9	11,363 11.4	11,110 11.3	11,170 17.2	11,220 11.9	11,320 11.0	11,410 11.0	11,430 10.4	11,480 9.7	11,360 9.9	11,590 10.3	11,570 10.5	11,570 12.0	11,590 11.9	11,520 11.8
Clay	6,397 11.1	6,358 15.0	6,200 10.5	6,680 21.3	6,670 24.9	6,470 25.7	6,380 12.0	6,270 11.5	6,380 11.8	6,250 12.9	6,300 12.3	6,210 9.7	6,110 8.5	6,220 11.2	6,130 10.9
Cleburne	5,766 9.1	5,719 8.8	5,570 9.2	5,510 11.3	5,730 8.4	5,780 7.3	5,700 7.1	5,750 7.6	5,890 9.2	5,930 15.2	5,800 8.3	5,640 8.7	5,680 7.1	5,630 7.8	5,490 8.1
Coffee	17,034 7.2	17,625 8.8	17,090 8.6	17,350 9.1	17,440 8.4	17,850 8.2	17,590 8.4	17,510 8.2	18,070 7.6	18,040 9.2	18,250 10.2	17,910 9.7	17,260 9.5	17,000 9.4	16,950 9.0
Colbert	24,546 13.1	24,628 13.9	24,170 14.3	24,370 13.2	24,770 13.8	24,960 13.0	24,660 14.2	25,020 15.0	25,020 14.2	24,860 14.3	24,730 13.0	24,540 13.3	24,500 14.3	24,360 15.1	24,340 14.6
Conecuh	6,309 10.8	6,456 16.0	6,400 14.1	6,820 18.8	6,590 15.5	6,650 15.2	6,570 15.7	6,170 12.7	6,300 15.3	6,290 15.4	6,400 17.3	6,440 17.9	6,380 19.5	6,360 20.9	6,390 23.1
Coosa	4,620 7.5	4,760 8.0	4,650 7.8	4,900 7.3	4,680 8.9	4,750 9.4	4,660 10.3	4,650 8.7	4,720 8.1	4,790 7.4	4,830 7.5	4,830 7.1	4,680 6.3	4,860 7.3	4,810 6.7
Covington	17,128 9.7	17,224 10.7	16,870 11.0	16,950 11.6	16,940 11.4	17,420 11.1	17,170 10.4	17,260 10.4	17,240 10.1	17,490 10.5	17,620 10.0	17,710 11.5	17,310 10.3	17,340 10.5	17,270 10.2
Crenshaw	6,104 9.1	6,187 9.0	5,920 9.1	6,180 14.6	5,950 8.5	6,330 8.3	6,140 8.5	6,120 8.3	6,280 8.2	6,430 7.5	6,480 7.7	6,370 8.7	6,180 9.5	6,080 9.7	6,210 14.8
Cullman	30,433 9.6	31,390 9.4	30,370 10.3	30,920 10.1	30,960 9.3	31,720 8.7	31,660 9.4	31,680 9.4	31,730 8.9	32,030 8.9	32,490 8.7	31,900 9.8	31,160 9.8	30,830 9.9	30,890 10.2
Dale	19,531 7.4	16,753 10.1	16,150 10.3	16,320 10.6	16,640 10.7	16,910 10.4	16,960 11.2	17,120 11.0	17,000 10.1	17,070 10.1	17,290 9.5	17,010 8.9	16,730 8.7	16,560 9.2	16,810 10.1
Dallas	22,316 15.0	23,022 15.9	22,500 15.5	23,270 15.5	23,060 15.0	23,740 15.5	23,640 17.0	23,620 15.8	23,390 15.4	22,840 15.2	22,830 15.6	22,500 16.4	22,220 16.8	22,060 16.0	21,750 14.7
DeKalb	27,461 10.4	28,748 10.0	27,430 11.3	28,190 11.5	28,170 9.5	29,180 9.5	29,170 10.1	29,540 10.3	29,810 9.3	29,510 9.4	29,400 9.1	29,080 9.6	28,390 9.5	28,360 10.9	28,450 11.3
Elmore	20,784 7.3	21,013 6.9	20,380 6.9	20,710 7.0	20,870 6.7	21,340 7.5	21,160 7.1	21,320 6.9	21,290 6.7	21,180 6.2	21,310 6.5	21,420 7.2	21,090 6.8	21,070 7.2	20,900 6.6
Escambia	16,738 9.9	17,061 11.5	16,820 10.9	17,250 15.1	17,130 12.0	17,330 11.9	17,100 11.9	17,210 11.2	17,330 10.0	17,110 10.1	17,040 10.4	16,930 11.1	16,750 12.7	16,770 13.8	16,590 13.7
Etowah	42,225 10.3	43,954 13.0	43,530 15.9	44,690 17.4	43,980 13.6	44,960 14.9	44,050 13.1	44,800 13.4	44,390 11.8	43,840 11.5	43,700 11.0	43,750 11.5	43,350 11.8	43,270 12.8	42,930 13.1
Fayette	8,229 14.3	8,028 13.8	8,110 13.9	8,140 14.8	8,110 15.2	8,110 13.7	7,840 13.4	7,850 13.8	8,030 13.4	8,070 13.8	8,060 13.2	8,030 12.5	7,910 13.0	7,840 12.1	7,840 12.9
Franklin	15,046 13.7	15,310 13.6	15,320 15.8	15,340 15.1	15,250 13.3	15,200 12.0	15,310 13.1	15,930 16.0	15,740 13.5	15,120 12.5	15,210 12.1	15,180 12.0	14,880 12.1	15,340 14.6	15,190 13.9
Geneva	10,714 9.5	11,047 8.5	10,540 8.8	10,770 9.3	10,870 9.2	11,310 8.9	11,290 8.6	11,400 9.6	11,340 7.9	11,400 8.2	11,590 8.5	11,040 7.3	10,650 7.5	10,460 8.4	10,370 8.4
Greene	3,841 17.6	3,733 15.9	3,630 16.6	3,860 19.1	3,690 15.2	3,720 14.5	3,640 15.9	3,710 15.8	3,760 15.4	3,830 15.1	3,890 15.4	3,820 15.6	3,760 17.1	3,760 17.3	3,760 17.0
Hale	5,891 11.3	5,986 10.7	5,630 10.1	5,780 11.5	5,790 10.3	6,100 11.3	5,990 11.3	6,010 9.9	6,170 11.6	6,230 9.8	6,290 9.4	6,230 11.1	6,060 11.2	6,070 11.4	6,050 9.8
Henry	6,748 10.6	6,631 9.7	6,520 12.0	6,580 11.6	6,640 11.2	6,820 9.1	6,630 9.7	6,560 10.0	6,620 8.7	6,840 9.1	6,830 7.7	6,650 7.8	6,410 7.9	6,370 8.2	6,350 7.7
Houston	33,718 8.4	39,734 8.3	38,380 8.7	38,610 8.6	39,550 9.2	39,960 8.3	39,760 8.4	40,540 9.1	40,160 8.0	40,320 8.0	40,890 7.4	40,530 7.5	40,050 7.7	39,400 7.7	39,520 7.5
Jackson	20,483 12.3	20,968 14.7	20,850 17.3	21,010 19.1	20,720 13.4	21,030 13.0	21,240 14.6	20,980 15.2	21,000 13.7	21,050 13.1	21,150 12.1	21,370 16.4	20,710 12.0	20,730 13.1	20,720 12.6
Jefferson	312,343 6.9	336,634 7.7	326,020 6.9	331,060 6.9	333,470 7.2	336,180 7.3	336,040 7.7	340,350 8.3	342,060 8.8	341,530 8.6	340,740 8.2	339,950 8.1	337,320 8.0	335,860 8.5	336,480 8.7
Lamar	8,808 8.0	8,856 8.9	8,700 7.5	8,830 8.3	8,720 8.2	8,900 8.5	8,880 8.6	9,140 11.4	8,930 9.5	9,000 10.5	8,790 9.1	8,900 8.6	8,810 8.7	8,920 8.9	8,950 9.3
Lauderdale	36,158 10.9	37,027 11.6	36,750 13.0	37,090 11.9	37,040 11.0	37,810 11.3	37,520 12.9	37,260 11.9	37,270 11.0	37,100 11.2	37,330 11.0	36,820 10.7	36,290 10.6	36,080 11.5	36,120 11.1

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986											1987	
	1985	1986	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Lawrence	12,636 12.7	12,632 14.6	12,590 16.0	12,750 15.4	12,440 15.2	12,670 13.4	12,580 13.8	12,650 14.1	13,040 15.5	12,720 12.9	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9
Lee	37,752 7.0	38,124 7.7	38,470 9.1	38,170 7.6	38,560 7.2	39,020 7.2	38,200 8.1	38,440 9.5	37,760 7.5	37,790 7.9	38,070 7.2	38,260 6.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9
Limestone	27,043 7.1	29,806 8.9	28,960 9.9	29,520 9.9	29,520 8.8	30,220 8.7	29,940 9.1	29,910 9.3	29,900 11.1	30,460 7.5	30,570 8.0	30,330 7.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2
Lowndes	4,636 14.1	4,525 15.8	4,390 13.1	4,530 13.4	4,400 14.9	4,560 15.1	4,400 19.0	4,420 18.0	4,590 18.7	4,670 16.5	4,720 16.4	4,750 16.6	4,580 16.0	4,350 17.9	4,390 17.5
Macon	10,453 8.5	10,693 9.0	10,430 9.1	10,520 8.8	10,560 8.5	10,850 9.5	10,820 10.0	10,910 9.8	10,850 9.1	10,760 8.1	10,910 9.2	10,710 8.4	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8
Madison	117,762 5.9	126,253 7.2	121,460 6.6	123,690 7.2	124,240 6.7	126,420 6.7	128,530 7.8	128,590 7.5	128,380 7.9	128,380 7.6	128,630 7.5	128,660 7.3	127,930 7.2	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9
Marengo	9,934 10.6	10,045 11.1	9,300 11.0	10,540 16.3	10,360 10.4	10,430 10.1	9,940 10.8	10,110 13.5	10,070 10.3	10,070 9.5	10,140 9.6	10,020 10.2	9,970 10.7	9,800 10.4	9,730 9.5
Marion	15,278 13.8	16,083 14.3	15,890 14.1	15,940 13.9	16,200 13.5	16,250 12.3	16,230 12.8	16,550 16.4	16,220 14.5	16,110 14.9	16,150 14.1	15,960 15.2	15,610 15.3	15,620 16.9	15,380 15.7
Marshall	35,615 8.7	37,011 11.8	36,100 10.9	37,390 17.5	36,330 11.0	37,080 11.1	37,360 12.1	38,250 14.0	37,450 10.9	37,380 10.5	37,000 10.3	37,020 11.1	36,420 10.4	36,300 10.7	36,380 10.8
Mobile	166,738 9.4	172,880 11.1	168,350 10.8	171,320 11.3	171,790 11.1	174,860 11.3	175,670 11.7	176,630 11.3	176,980 11.2	173,910 11.2	173,620 10.8	173,350 10.6	171,770 10.7	171,770 11.5	171,420 11.5
Monroe	9,085 13.5	9,649 13.3	9,250 12.6	10,630 29.0	9,480 14.2	9,580 12.0	9,380 11.3	9,520 10.5	9,760 9.8	9,720 9.2	9,750 10.2	9,810 12.6	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5
Montgomery	91,901 7.2	97,695 7.6	94,400 7.3	95,710 7.2	96,860 7.3	99,120 8.1	98,730 8.1	99,450 8.0	99,110 7.5	99,020 7.5	99,750 7.8	99,480 7.9	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4
Morgan	43,368 8.1	45,825 10.0	44,520 10.2	45,050 10.2	45,400 9.5	46,200 9.1	46,640 10.0	46,770 10.5	47,190 11.5	46,010 9.7	46,260 9.9	45,920 9.6	45,670 9.7	45,390 10.1	45,360 10.1
Perry	5,336 13.2	5,444 12.9	5,100 9.8	5,370 11.7	5,220 10.1	5,620 12.4	5,490 12.4	5,540 12.5	5,540 12.9	5,520 10.9	5,630 10.4	5,620 15.4	5,500 20.3	5,460 19.0	5,430 12.5
Pickens	6,965 15.2	7,558 14.7	7,100 14.9	7,120 14.8	7,260 14.7	7,880 14.2	7,560 14.3	7,690 14.7	7,900 15.5	7,870 13.6	8,050 15.0	7,750 15.1	7,520 15.5	7,470 15.6	7,390 15.0
Pike	11,773 8.0	12,612 6.6	12,230 8.8	12,420 8.6	12,560 7.9	12,830 8.4	12,640 8.8	12,490 9.5	12,650 9.5	12,980 7.5	13,190 8.4	13,030 8.4	12,210 9.1	12,630 8.3	12,650 8.6
Randolph	8,865 9.6	9,424 9.2	9,090 7.5	9,270 7.9	9,440 7.9	9,620 11.6	9,420 10.2	9,330 9.7	9,750 12.4	9,450 10.4	9,520 9.4	9,600 8.3	9,430 7.5	9,440 7.2	9,410 7.3
Russell	20,634 10.5	22,641 9.6	22,150 10.1	22,530 10.2	22,570 9.4	22,580 9.0	22,680 9.1	22,780 9.4	22,960 9.1	22,790 8.8	22,900 9.9	22,810 9.4	22,700 9.2	22,680 9.7	22,430 8.9
St. Clair	20,691 8.1	20,610 8.4	20,300 8.8	20,510 8.3	20,380 7.4	20,710 8.2	20,890 9.4	21,200 10.2	20,700 8.1	20,710 8.1	20,700 7.8	20,620 7.6	20,610 8.1	20,440 8.2	20,380 8.1
Shelby	34,261 7.0	37,153 6.8	36,520 7.1	36,580 5.8	36,830 6.0	37,260 6.5	37,310 7.0	37,510 6.9	37,310 6.5	37,320 6.5	38,170 8.3	37,440 6.6	37,340 7.0	37,010 7.2	37,010 7.2
Sumter	6,147 13.7	6,243 21.0	6,070 20.8	6,320 22.7	6,270 22.2	6,450 22.0	6,440 26.3	6,460 25.1	6,410 22.5	6,230 18.3	6,260 17.9	6,160 17.8	5,800 17.2	5,830 16.3	5,810 15.5
Talladega	31,537 13.1	32,143 12.4	31,210 11.9	31,580 12.1	31,840 12.1	32,310 12.0	32,310 12.7	32,810 13.6	32,950 13.0	32,660 13.1	32,590 12.4	32,350 12.0	32,170 11.9	32,110 12.5	32,160 12.2
Tallapoosa	18,258 8.2	19,101 8.0	18,500 8.5	18,440 7.7	18,700 6.9	19,210 7.9	19,400 8.8	19,640 9.3	19,720 8.2	19,430 7.7	19,360 7.5	19,350 6.9	19,110 6.5	19,060 7.5	19,010 7.1
Tuscaloosa	64,346 6.8	68,450 7.7	67,150 7.6	67,780 7.8	68,060 7.3	68,760 8.2	67,120 8.6	67,710 8.2	69,420 8.1	70,000 7.6	70,000 7.1	69,930 7.3	69,250 7.5	69,180 7.6	69,180 7.5
Walker	33,097 9.9	30,633 15.2	31,140 18.3	31,250 17.3	31,320 17.1	31,320 16.6	31,570 17.6	31,700 17.4	30,110 13.1	29,750 12.0	29,350 10.6	29,730 11.9	29,760 12.5	30,000 14.1	29,860 13.7
Washington	5,855 14.9	5,594 19.4	5,420 18.3	5,720 21.8	5,540 19.3	5,660 19.3	5,770 21.5	5,770 22.0	5,530 18.1	5,570 17.8	5,580 16.9	5,570 17.6	5,530 20.3	5,490 20.6	5,430 19.5
Wilcox	4,391 16.4	4,402 16.8	4,260 16.4	4,310 17.3	4,310 17.5	4,450 17.5	4,540 19.4	4,480 18.8	4,490 17.1	4,430 15.7	4,500 15.3	4,470 15.9	4,330 14.7	4,300 14.8	4,280 14.4
Winston	10,488 17.1	10,288 21.1	10,270 26.9	10,440 25.6	10,590 22.9	10,380 19.7	10,260 19.4	10,320 19.2	10,350 19.2	10,220 17.0	10,130 16.4	10,230 20.0	9,990 20.0	10,080 22.9	9,910 22.8
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	774,985	707,055	70,563	62,021	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	13,402	14,193	1,427	1,232	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,040	....	....
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	602,564	765,872	82,535	77,691	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	22,799	22,134	2,214	1,620	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,726	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134	....	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,242	38,701	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,020	26,789	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438	2,073
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,881,466	2,012,114	142,757	163,267	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	....
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	153,540	159,481	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" ·· ·ses due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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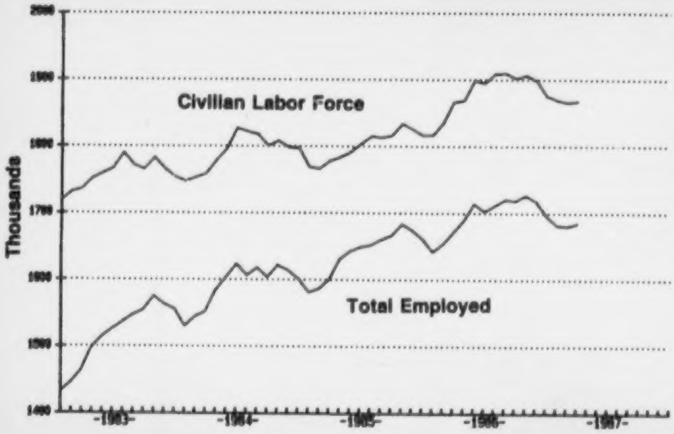

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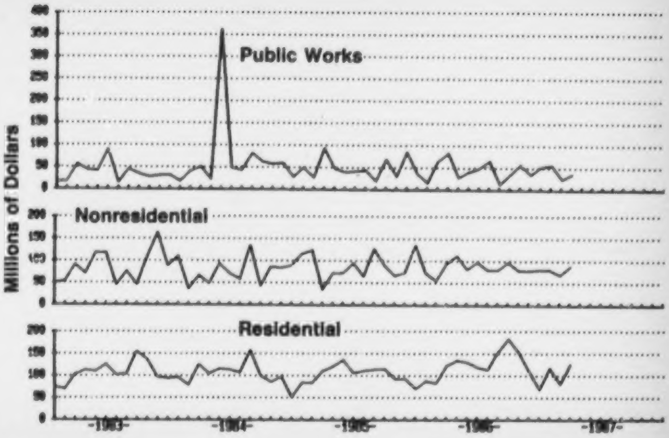

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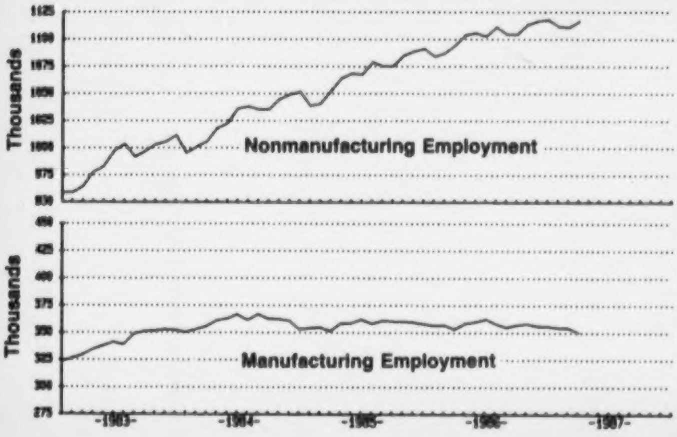

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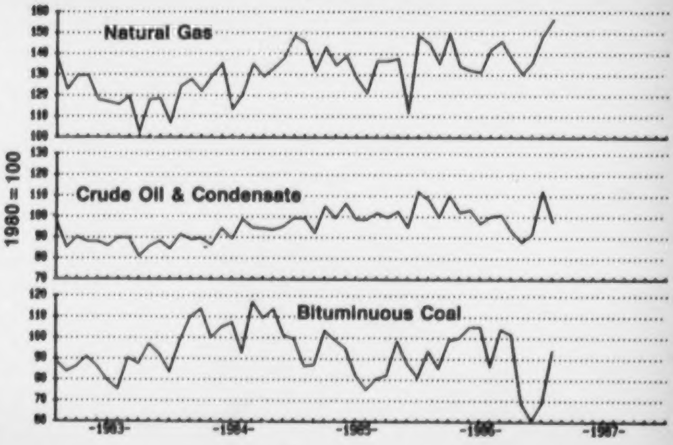

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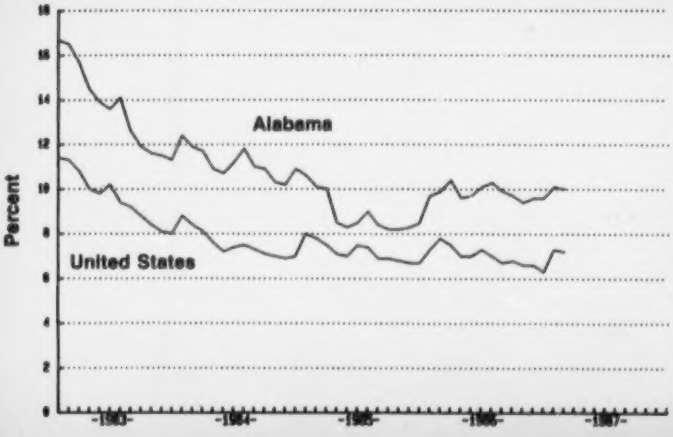

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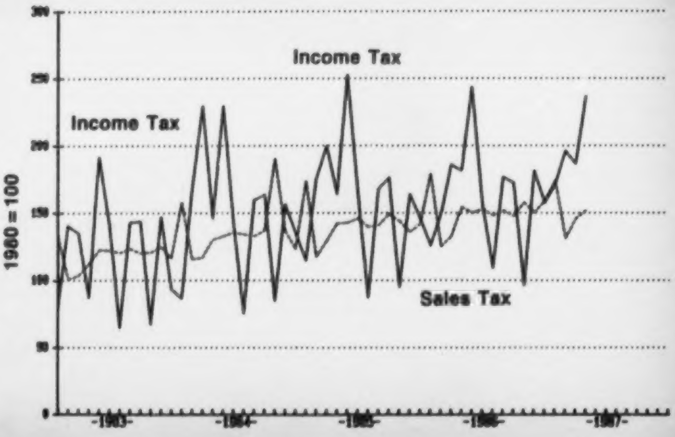

Retail Trade Announcement

The Center for Business and Economic Research has monitored retail trade activity in the State of Alabama on a continuous basis since 1939. Regular estimates of retail sales activity provide an excellent measure of the overall economic health of the Alabama economy. In addition, retail sales estimates by category or type of sale serve as excellent indicators of consumer spending patterns and retail growth within the State.

Without the help of the Alabama Department of Revenue, such estimates would not be possible. As a part of a continuing program to improve the series, the Revenue Department entered into a major project to re-evaluate the classification to which each retail firm is assigned. Further, a major survey was undertaken to better estimate the proportion of retail sales of major retailers taking place in individual counties throughout Alabama.

These efforts, along with recent changes in the mainframe computer at The University of Alabama, have necessitated an extensive revision and rewrite of the computer software used to manage the retail sales data. And while we have made considerable progress, we believe it is in the best interest of our users to suspend publication of the retail trade series while we test the new computer programs and rebenchmark the retail trade series from 1979 to the current period.

As many industries often state when they remodel old facilities, "please pardon our progress." We sincerely regret the inconvenience that this brief suspension will cause our readers. We are confident that the revised series will better serve users of Alabama Business. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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UNDERSTANDING THE ECONOMY

Deborah Hamilton

Several years ago the Hearst Corporation conducted a survey entitled "The American Public's Knowledge of Business and the Economy." One of the objectives of the survey was to measure the American public's level of knowledge about basic economic concepts. The resulting responses seemed to indicate that there was a lack of understanding by the general public about fundamental terms pertaining to the national economy.

How well would you do on such a survey? The following quiz contains selected questions from the 1984 Hearst survey plus some additional questions specific to the Alabama economy.

1. Every percentage point of the national unemployment rate represents about how many people?
    a. about 100,000
    b. about 500,000
    c. about 1 million

2. How many people in the United States are unemployed?
    a. under 1 million
    b. about 8 million
    c. about 26 million

3. What is the national unemployment rate?
    a. about 3 percent
    b. about 7 percent
    c. about 12 percent

4. How many people in the United States have a full-time nonagricultural job?
    a. under 40 million
    b. about 70 million
    c. about 100 million

5. True or false: The Gross National Product (GNP) is the total value of all the goods and services that will be purchased by federal, state and local governments during one year.

6. True or false: The consumer price index (CPI) is a measure of how much some typical goods and services currently cost in comparison to what they used to cost.

7. The legal minimum wage is currently __________.

8. How many people in Alabama are unemployed?

9. What is Alabama's unemployment rate?

10. How many people in Alabama are employed?

Survey Results and Answers

Question 1. The Hearst survey found that only a quarter (26 percent) of the American public understood that every percentage point of the national unemployment rate represented about one million people in 1984.

Question 2. Almost two out of five (37 percent) correctly knew that the number of Americans unemployed in 1984 was about 8 million (Update: April 1987 preliminary data = 7.3 million unemployed).

Question 3. More than half of Americans (53 percent) did not know the national unemployment rate (April 1987 preliminary = 6.2 percent U.S. unemployment rate).

Question 4. Nearly four out of five (79 percent) surveyed did not know the number of Americans employed (April 1987 preliminary = 111 million total employed).

Question 5. More than half (60 percent) of those surveyed did not understand Gross National Product. GNP is the market value of a nation's total output of goods and services.

Question 6. A majority of Americans (68 percent) knew that the CPI is a measure of how much some typical goods and services currently cost in comparison to what they used to cost.

Question 7. A large majority of Americans (86 percent) knew that the current legal minimum wage is $3.35.

Questions 8-10. Based upon April 1987 preliminary data from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, there were 152,300 unemployed persons in Alabama. The unemployment rate was 8.2 percent and total employment was 1,711,300.

Sources: The Hearst Corporation, 959 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10019; Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Research and Statistics Division. ☐

NEWS BRIEFS

WOMEN IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Striking changes in the economic pursuits and status of women have marked the last two decades, according to a recent report issued by the U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census.

More women are in the labor force than ever before; they are more likely to have continuous lifetime work experience; they are better educated; and the law mandates greater opportunity for equal employment. And yet, as a group, most women continue to work in traditionally female, low-paying occupations.

Highlights of the report *Women in the American Economy include:*

- The number of women in the civilian labor force in 1985 averaged 51.1 million (54.5 percent of women 16 years and over).
- In 1985, 31.5 million women held full-time, year-round jobs.
- The labor force participation rate of women 20 to 44 years was 71.4 in 1985.
- Younger women are increasingly delaying marriage and childbirth to attend college and establish careers.
- One out of five families with children is maintained by a woman.
- Over half of all children under 18 had a mother in the labor force in 1985.
- Twenty million mothers with children under 18 were in the labor force in March 1985, including eight million with children under age six.
- Over half of all married women with children under the age of six were in the labor force in 1985, compared with only 12 percent in 1950.
- Forty-eight percent of women with babies under one year old were in the labor force in 1985 as were over half the mothers with toddlers under age three.
- Forty-four percent of the children of mothers who work full time are cared for in another home (June 1982).
- College enrollment of women is now near that of men, but women still choose subjects of study that are different from those of men and less likely to lead to the higher-paying jobs.
- Women with young children have relatively high unemployment rates as compared with the rates of women overall.
- By 1995, 61.4 million women are projected to be in the labor force—a participation rate of 60 percent.
- The distribution of both men and women across occupations has changed, but the overall labor market remains sharply segregated by sex. Women have made progress, however, in entering managerial occupations.
- Women were about nine percent (150,000) of the total resident Armed Forces in 1985.
- Thirteen percent of women who worked year-round, full-time in 1984 had earnings greater than $25,000 compared with 46 percent of men.
- The poverty rate in 1984 for all families maintained by women was 34.5 percent; the comparable rate for black and Hispanic families was relatively high at 51.7 and 53.4 respectively.

Copies of the report, *Women in the American Economy*, Series P-23, No. 146, are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., or from your nearest depository library. □

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

A recent report from the U.S. Commerce Department's Census Bureau examined the finances of public school systems having enrollments of 15,000 or more. The report provided statistics on the revenue, expenditure, debt, and financial assets for the nation, for states, and for a few large school systems in 1984-85. Some of the findings are as follows:

- The federal share of public school funding declined for the fifth straight year to about six percent in fiscal year 1984-85 from a high of nearly nine percent in 1980.
- Public school systems in the United States received $145.8 billion from all revenue sources and made expenditures totaling $142.4 billion in fiscal year 1984-85. Total revenue increased $11.9 billion, or 8.9 percent, and expenditure increased $11.9 billion, or 9.1 percent, over the previous fiscal year.

- Expenditure for school construction increased to $5.2 billion. Alabama spent $74,997 on construction for elementary and secondary schools in 1984-85.

- Public school systems spent over $88 billion, or about 62 percent of their general expenditure on salaries and wages. Alabama spent $1,137,782 on salaries and wages in elementary and secondary schools in 1984-85.

Copies of the report, *Finances of Public School Systems in 1984-85*, GF85, No. 10, are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 or your nearest depository library. □

AMERICA'S PER CAPITA DEBT

Every American would have to contribute $10,050 to eliminate the combined federal, state, and local government debt as it stood in fiscal 1985.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that the three levels of government indicated $2.4 trillion in debt outstanding for 1985.

Combined state and local debt per capita was highest for the residents of Alaska and North Dakota ($18,960 and $6,060, respectively). Residents of Mississippi and Idaho had the lowest levels of non-federal debt in the nation ($1,240 and $1,140, respectively). Alabama ranked 35th with a per capita debt of $1,920.

Copies of the report, *Governmental Finances in 1984-85*, GF85, No. 5, are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. or your nearest depository library. □

FARM FACTS

A recently released fact sheet from the Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service reported the following:

- Alabama currently has 52,000 farms covering 11.0 million acres. Average farm size is 212 acres compared with 455 acres per farm across the United States.

- Total cash farm income from farm marketings in 1985 totaled $2.157 billion. Livestock and poultry accounted for 61 percent of the total with crops making up the balance. Sales of poultry and poultry products, cattle and calves, soybeans, peanuts, cotton, farm forest products, greenhouse and nursery products, and dairy products accounted for 85.3 percent of the total cash receipts from farm marketings in Alabama.

- In 1986 Alabama experienced one of the worst droughts in a century. Farmers suffered losses as a result of the drought from reduced yields, abandonment, burned pastures, loss of gain in cattle and chickens, and distressed livestock sales.

- Acres planted during 1986 for the five major crops (soybeans, cotton, peanuts, corn, and sorgum) showed an overall decline of 25 percent from 1985. The only acreage to show a significant increase was peanuts which was up nine percent. Alabama continues to rank second in the United States in peanut production.

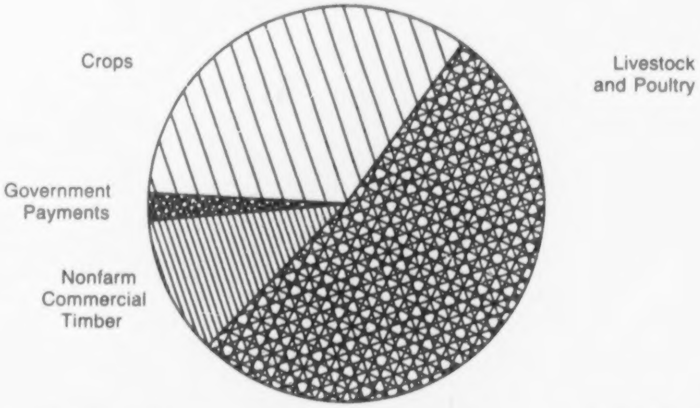
- Alabama cattle inventories on January 1, 1987 saw a 70,000 increase in number of head from a year ago to total 1,850,000. The state's milk producers reduced their herd size by 5,000 head from January 1, 1986, primarily due to the government's dairy cow buy-out program. Hog inventories on December 1, 1986 increased ten percent from a year earlier.

- Alabama ranks third in the United States in broiler production. Producers marketed 561.8 million birds in 1985. During 1986 laying flocks produced 2,723 million eggs, 71 million below 1985. The number of hens and pullets of laying age on December 1, 1986, totaled 11.2 million, down one percent from the same date a year ago.

For more information contact the Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service, P.O. Box 1071, Montgomery, Alabama 36192. □

ALABAMA CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS 1985

(Thousands of Dollars)



Livestock and Poultry	$1,307,761
Crops	849,491
Government Payments	60,364
Nonfarm Commercial Timber	283,896

METHODS OF POPULATION ESTIMATION PART II

James C. Raymondo

Introduction:

The May 1987 issue of *Alabama Business* contained Part I of this article which discussed the difference between a population estimate and a population projection and decribed two methods of population estimation. In Part II, three of the more complex methods of population estimation are discussed and suggestions for selecting an estimation method are made.

We begin with a discussion of Component Method II, the Administrative Records Method, and the Ratio Correlation Method of population estimation. These three techniques are the methods used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in their annual state and county population estimates.

Component Method II:

Component Method II estimates the separate components of population change (births, deaths, and net migration) for three broad age groups of the population, and is the successor to Component Method I. Component Method II involves calculating a net migration rate from elementary school enrollments in the estimate year and the base year, and then applying the migration rate to the under age 65 population.

Estimates for the under age 65 population are then made using vital statistics data and the migration rate. Estimates for the age 65 and over population are based on vital statistics data and changes in Medicare enrollment.

Component Method II proved to be a relatively reliable method of population estimation through most of the 1970s; however, the method began providing unreliable estimates for some states in the late 1970s. The problem seemed to result from assuming that migration rates derived from school age enrollments can be applied to the broader under-age-65 population. One solution to this problem was the development of the Administrative Records Method which involves a new way of estimating net migration.

Administrative Records Method:

The Administrative Records Method is a general component method similar in many ways to Component Method II. The major difference and the major advantage of the Administrative Records Method is the novel way in which net migration is estimated.

Federal revenue sharing placed increased importance on the accuracy of estimates coming out of the Census Bureau. In order to enhance the accuracy of the estimates used for revenue sharing, the Census Bureau was given access to migration data derived from Federal income tax returns.

The Census Bureau *was not* given access to confidential income data from the tax returns, but was simply given access to data indicating migration. Income tax returns are matched from year to year by comparing social security numbers and addresses.

Migration rates are based on matched returns from one year to the next which contain different addresses. The result is a rich source of migration data including not only the volume of migration, but the county of origin and the county of destination for migrants.

The computations for the Administrative Records Method are straightforward and similar to Component Method II. The under-age-65 population is estimated through vital statistics data on births and deaths, and estimates of net migration from matched tax returns. The age-65-and-over population is estimated through vital statistics data and Medicare enrollment data. Group quarters and military populations are estimated separately.

Ratio Correlation Method:

The Ratio Correlation Method differs from Component Method II and the Administrative Records Method in that it is not a component method. The Ratio Correlation Method is a regression approach that involves the development of a mathematical equation used to compute the population estimate.

Briefly, a regression analysis involves using information from a group of variables (usually referred to as the independent variables) to predict the value of some other variable (the dependent variable). In the case of population estimation the dependent variable we want to predict (or estimate) is the population of some area. The independent variables may take many forms. Frequent choices include: births, deaths, motor vehicle registrations, school enrollments, and voter registrations.

The equation for the Ratio Correlation Method is based on an analysis of the relationships between the set of independent variables and the population value from the second to last decennial census. In this case one would analyze data from 1970 in order to derive the estimation equation. The result is a set of weights, one for each of the independent variables, that when multiplied by the value of each independent variable and summed will add up to the population being estimated. The regression weights may then be applied to current values of the independent variables in order to derive the desired estimate.

The second-to-last decennial census is used in the development of the regression equation so that the validity of the equation can be tested against the most recent census. The same regression weights will be used during the decade for the estimates once a suitable regression equation is developed and tested. Only the current values of the independent variables will change. One additional complication in this method is that the actual values of the independent variables are not used in the equation. Suppose one is producing a county estimate and one of the independent variables is voter registrations. Rather than using the actual number of voter registrations as the independent variable to be multiplied by the regression weight, one would use a ratio of voter registrations in the county for the estimate year to total voter registrations in the state for the estimate year divided by the ratio of voter registrations in the county for the base year to total voter registrations in the state for the base year. A similar computation of ratios would be made for each of the independent variables.

One advantage of the Ratio Correlation Method is its flexibility. If a particular data series for one of the independent variables is no longer available one may create a new regression equation by reanalyzing the 1970 Census data and testing the new equation against the results of the 1980 Census. Such flexibility is not present in Component Method II.

Component Method II would be of no use if reliable school enrollment data were not available. Similarly, the loss of migration data from matched Federal income tax returns would be a fatal blow to the Administrative Records Method.

Selecting an Estimation Methodology:

Estimation methods vary in their precision, difficulty in computation, and data requirements. The Censal Ratio Method is one of the easiest techniques to use, provides reasonable estimates over a short term estimation period, and has modest data requirements. The technique is also easily applied to areas of different sizes.

The Housing Unit Method is also one of the less troublesome techniques to use, and provides reliable estimates. The Housing Unit Method is particularly well suited to small area estimates.

Many vital statistics rates are usually based on data reported at the county level, but housing unit data are more often reported at the municipal level, making the Housing Unit Method one of the most appropriate for subcounty estimates. However, there is a disadvantage with using the Housing Unit Method due to the difficulty in determining occupancy rates and average household sizes.

Component Method II and the Administrative Records Method have data requirements that place them beyond the range of many interested in making their own population estimates. Component Method II requires data on school enrollments, and these data are not always available. In many cases, reliable private school enrollments are difficult if not impossible to obtain.

Public school enrollments are available, but any change in the way the data are reported will cause problems with the method. For example, a change from reporting number of students enrolled to reporting average daily attendance will leave one with estimates of the size of the school age population that are not compatible. The Administrative Records Method requires migration data from Federal income tax returns that are made available only to the Bureau of the Census.

Finally, the Ratio Correlation Method can be used. This method is reliable and does not have extreme data requirements. The only difficulty is in obtaining a continuous time series of data for the independent variables selected for the regression equation.

Potential problems include an interruption in a time series or a change in the way some data are reported, and the considerable data processing required in developing, testing, and applying the regression equation.

Anyone interested in developing an in-house capability for population estimates may do well to follow the example of the Census Bureau. Their annual state and county level estimates are usually a composite estimate resulting from an average of their three methods. Of course, most of us do not have the facilities or access to confidential data to undertake such an ambitious approach.

Those simply interested in obtaining the results of the Census Bureau's estimation work might refer to the P-25 and P-26 series of the *Current Population Reports*. These reports are available for a modest fee and provide the results of the most recent population or are estimates and population projections of the Census Bureau. Copies may be requested from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. □

CORRECTIONS

Please note two corrections in the article "Households Growing Faster" printed in the May issue of *Alabama Business*. The average population per household declined from 2.76 to 2.67 persons instead of percent. Also Alabama has gained approximately 122 thousand households (instead of 122 households) since 1980 for an increase of 9.1 percent. We regret any inconvenience these errors may have caused. □

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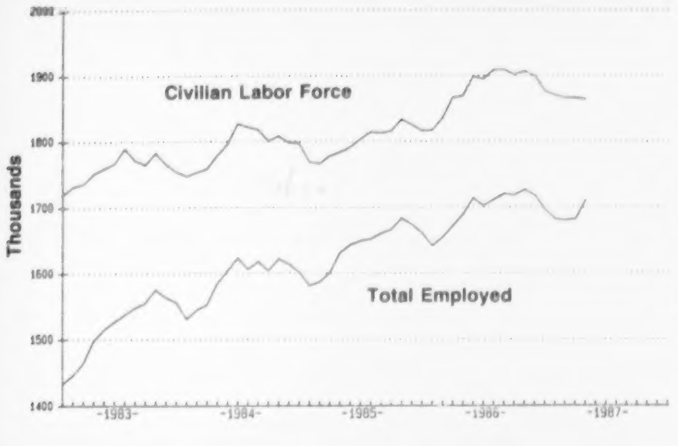

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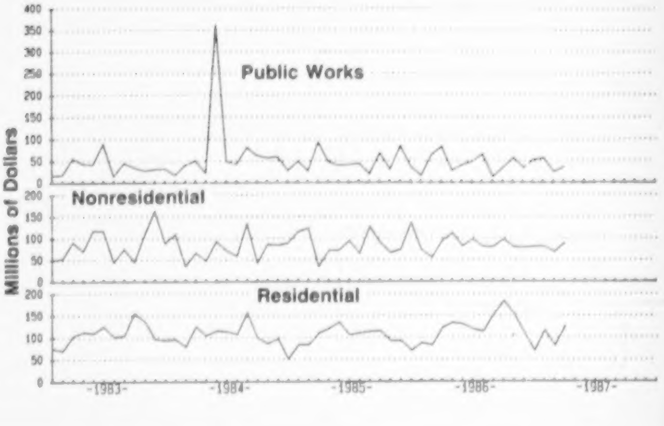

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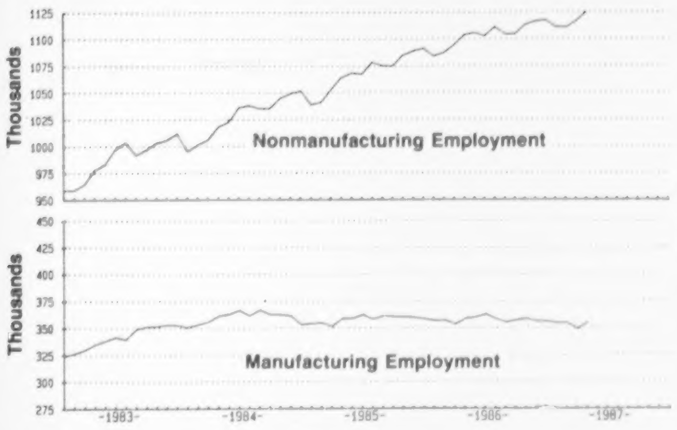

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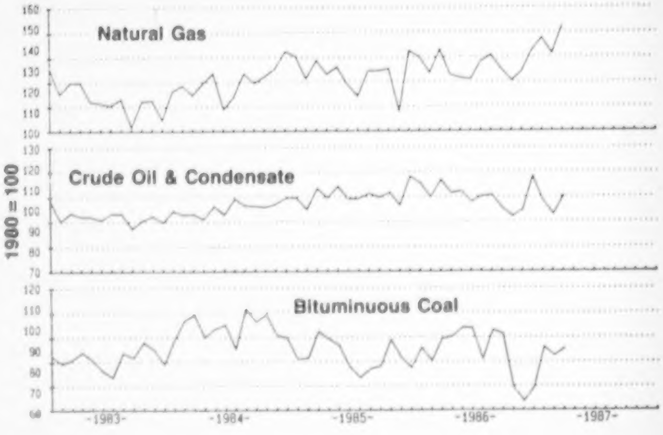

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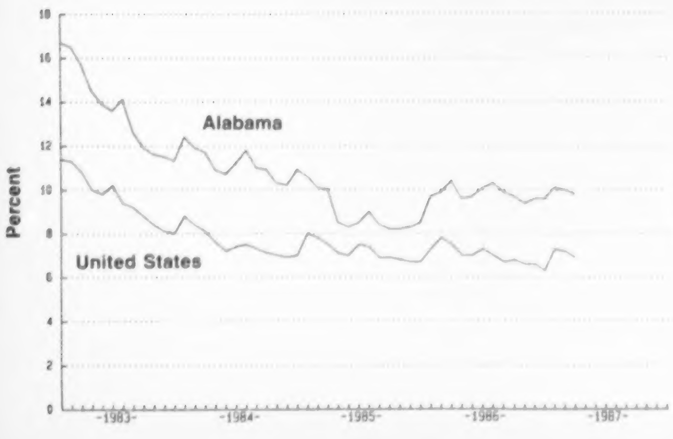

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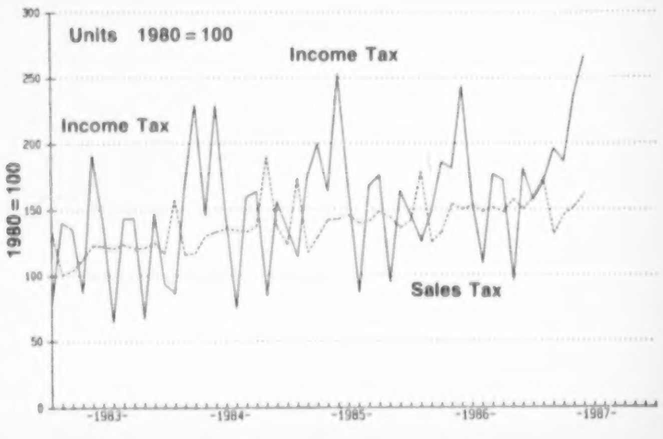

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986										1987		
	1985	1986	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,421	23,895	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	41,574	33,528	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,766
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	558	556	548	541	523	526	496	576	543	560	590	531	582
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,017,500	313,000	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	288,400	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100	250,800
Residential	1,240,900	1,461,300	124,600	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600	125,900
Nonresidential	1,062,900	1,016,300	105,200	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800	88,400
Public works and utilities	581,800	539,800	83,100	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,500
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	123	131	117	124	121	119	117	126	85	75	85	86	110
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	6,287	6,707	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767	6,804	6,879	6,893
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960
Franchise	69,838	75,088	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214	52,762
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	3,869	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	2,236	911	882	774	717	737	827	664	597	696	556	577	826
Sales	730,389	775,708	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,037	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573
2.2/ gross receipts	54,972	56,147	1	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469
Use	79,253	84,390	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	665	19,291	795	742
Utility	156,209	160,233	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9
Percent change	3.6	1.9	-0.5	-0.2	.3	.5	0	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4
Food	309.8	319.7	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0
Housing	349.9	360.2	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2
Transportation	319.9	307.5	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6
Medical care	403.1	433.5	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0
Energy	426.5	370.3	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	300.3	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.7	302.8
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.6	315.7	315.8
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	310	305	307	307	306	305	305	304	303	303	302	302	300	299	298
Wholesale prices	324	334	333	335	334	334	336	336	336	335	335	335	332	330	330
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[6]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,866.4	1,868.9	1,898.8	1,894.5	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	194.6	179.6	184.7	192.2	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	10.4	9.6	9.7	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,671.8	1,689.3	1,714.1	1,702.3	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,447.9	1,462.6	1,465.9	1,465.3	1,469.5	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	353.3	358.7	360.0	362.7	358.2	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	174.4	175.1	175.9	175.7	175.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.7	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	25.5	25.7	26.3	25.6	25.3	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	22.6	22.8	22.8	22.8	23.0	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	22.5	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.6	27.6	28.3	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.1	18.3	17.8	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	178.9	183.6	184.1	187.0	183.0	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3
Food	29.1	30.1	29.3	29.4	29.8	30.2	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	36.7	37.3	37.2	37.8	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0
Apparel	53.6	53.7	49.5	53.5	54.3	55.4	54.3	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.0	21.1	20.7	21.3	19.1	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.7	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,094.6	1,103.9	1,105.9	1,102.6	1,111.3	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	13.2	12.8	12.5	12.3	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	74.1	75.4	75.2	75.4	77.7	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.5	71.5	71.4	71.2	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9
Trade	305.6	320.4	312.3	315.7	317.9	319.3	322.6	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	76.7	76.4	76.7	76.8	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6
Retail	229.6	243.5	235.6	239.3	241.2	242.5	244.9	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	67.7	68.5	68.5	69.3	69.9	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	255.2	258.7	258.5	259.3	259.7	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1
Government	295.9	297.0	300.6	301.3	301.9	295.8	297.2	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5
Federal	65.2	64.2	63.6	63.6	63.8	64.2	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6
State and local	230.7	232.8	237.0	237.7	238.1	231.6	232.7	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986										1987		
	1985	1986	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	18,856	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	6,392	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	32,598	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	15,660	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,257	15,694	15,330	15,350	15,760	15,760	16,030	15,870	15,970	16,220	16,160	15,800	15,870	15,960	15,770
	8.7	7.9	7.1	6.2	7.4	7.8	8.5	7.5	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.1	8.9	9.6	8.6
Baldwin	37,577	38,264	37,950	37,980	38,560	38,530	39,250	38,780	38,170	38,230	38,520	38,640	38,370	38,040	39,520
	7.7	8.9	9.2	8.8	8.7	8.7	9.5	8.0	8.3	8.2	8.8	10.0	10.1	9.5	12.6
Barbour	11,513	11,903	11,730	11,610	12,050	11,930	11,860	12,080	12,370	12,200	12,130	11,860	11,890	11,930	11,850
	10.5	9.5	10.1	9.7	10.5	10.0	9.2	9.6	10.6	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.0	10.4	9.4
Bibb	6,880	7,273	7,150	7,150	7,310	7,440	7,370	7,370	7,320	7,400	7,310	7,260	7,280	7,220	7,120
	12.4	13.3	12.6	14.5	13.4	13.0	11.5	11.6	11.4	11.5	14.0	16.0	16.8	14.7	13.4
Blount	17,227	16,682	17,300	16,490	16,790	16,760	16,740	16,760	16,740	16,730	16,830	16,780	16,840	16,680	17,070
	6.9	9.0	12.7	8.0	9.1	9.3	8.6	8.8	8.6	8.3	9.0	9.4	10.6	9.8	11.0
Bullock	3,678	3,971	3,740	3,880	4,120	4,050	4,080	4,030	4,060	4,180	4,080	3,950	3,840	3,770	3,750
	16.4	17.3	16.3	14.2	19.7	16.5	19.4	18.4	15.9	15.5	17.2	18.7	17.6	15.7	14.1
Butler	9,076	9,382	9,370	9,240	9,440	9,560	9,170	9,520	9,420	9,510	9,540	9,500	9,610	9,630	9,650
	12.3	11.7	10.9	12.2	11.6	15.1	11.6	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.4	11.0	11.8	14.0	13.5
Calhoun	49,983	51,892	51,500	51,500	51,940	51,910	52,560	52,370	52,420	52,410	52,260	51,890	51,850	51,600	51,760
	8.9	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.9	10.2	10.2	9.5	10.0	9.6	9.4	9.5	10.5	10.2	11.2
Chambers	16,933	17,241	17,230	17,070	17,340	17,200	17,840	17,540	17,260	17,140	17,110	17,040	17,020	17,000	17,010
	8.8	8.6	7.6	7.6	8.4	9.0	12.0	9.3	9.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3
Cherokee	7,963	7,768	7,740	7,810	7,990	7,870	7,730	7,820	7,850	7,870	7,800	7,590	7,770	7,780	7,860
	14.7	13.5	23.7	14.7	13.3	13.6	12.6	11.0	10.2	10.9	11.5	12.0	12.0	12.0	17.3
Chilton	15,129	15,723	15,510	15,550	15,860	15,810	15,890	15,750	15,800	16,190	15,940	15,560	15,580	15,630	15,560
	10.3	10.6	10.1	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.5	9.3	10.0	11.4	12.7	13.0	13.9	12.2	11.9
Choctaw	6,541	7,481	8,050	7,580	7,490	7,660	7,730	7,550	7,180	7,390	7,350	7,070	6,980	6,860	7,060
	14.6	14.9	18.1	15.4	15.8	17.0	17.7	14.5	13.5	13.1	15.4	14.6	14.6	13.1	18.7
Clarke	11,044	11,363	11,170	11,220	11,320	11,410	11,430	11,480	11,360	11,590	11,570	11,570	11,590	11,520	11,480
	9.9	11.4	17.2	11.9	11.0	11.0	10.4	9.7	9.9	10.3	10.5	12.0	11.9	11.8	17.8
Clay	6,397	6,358	6,680	6,670	6,470	6,380	6,270	6,380	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,110	6,220	6,130	6,260
	11.1	15.0	21.3	24.9	25.7	12.0	11.5	11.8	12.9	12.3	9.7	8.5	11.2	10.9	20.8
Cleburne	5,766	5,719	5,510	5,730	5,780	5,700	5,750	5,890	5,930	5,800	5,640	5,680	5,630	5,490	5,310
	9.1	8.8	11.3	8.4	7.3	7.1	7.6	9.2	15.2	8.3	6.7	7.1	7.8	8.1	12.4
Coffee	17,034	17,625	17,350	17,440	17,850	17,590	17,510	18,070	18,040	18,250	17,910	17,260	17,000	16,950	17,070
	7.2	8.8	9.1	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.2	7.6	9.2	10.2	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.0	7.6
Colbert	24,545	24,628	24,370	24,770	24,960	24,660	25,020	25,020	24,860	24,730	24,540	24,500	24,360	24,340	23,940
	13.1	13.9	13.2	13.8	13.0	14.2	15.0	14.2	14.3	13.0	13.3	14.3	15.1	14.6	12.7
Conecuh	6,309	6,458	6,820	6,590	6,650	6,570	6,170	6,300	6,290	6,400	6,440	6,380	6,360	6,390	6,610
	10.8	16.0	16.8	15.5	15.2	15.7	12.7	15.3	15.4	17.3	17.9	19.5	20.9	23.1	25.4
Coosa	4,620	4,760	4,900	4,680	4,750	4,660	4,650	4,720	4,790	4,830	4,830	4,680	4,860	4,810	4,750
	7.5	8.0	7.3	8.9	9.4	10.3	8.7	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.3	7.3	6.7	7.0
Covington	17,128	17,224	16,950	16,940	17,420	17,170	17,260	17,240	17,490	17,620	17,710	17,310	17,340	17,270	17,250
	9.7	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.1	10.4	10.4	10.1	10.5	10.0	11.5	10.3	10.5	10.2	9.4
Crenshaw	6,104	6,187	6,180	5,950	6,330	6,140	6,120	6,280	6,430	6,480	6,370	6,180	6,080	6,210	6,260
	9.1	9.0	14.6	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.2	7.5	7.7	8.7	9.5	9.7	14.8	18.0
Cullman	30,433	31,390	30,920	30,960	31,720	31,660	31,680	21,730	32,030	32,490	31,900	31,160	30,830	30,890	30,900
	9.6	9.4	10.1	9.3	8.7	9.4	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.2	9.5
Dale	19,531	16,753	16,320	16,640	16,910	16,960	17,120	17,000	17,070	17,290	17,010	16,730	16,560	16,810	16,730
	7.4	10.1	10.6	10.7	10.4	11.2	11.0	10.1	10.1	9.5	8.9	8.7	9.2	10.1	9.2
Dallas	22,316	23,022	23,270	23,060	23,740	23,640	23,620	23,390	22,840	22,830	22,500	22,220	22,060	21,750	21,590
	15.0	15.9	15.5	15.0	15.5	17.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	15.6	16.4	16.8	16.0	14.7	13.9
DeKalb	27,461	28,748	28,190	28,170	29,180	29,170	29,540	29,810	29,510	29,400	29,060	28,390	28,360	28,450	28,230
	10.4	10.0	11.5	9.5	9.5	10.1	10.3	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.6	9.5	10.9	11.3	11.0
Elmore	20,784	21,013	20,710	20,870	21,340	21,160	21,320	21,290	21,180	21,310	21,420	21,090	21,070	20,900	20,800
	7.3	6.9	7.0	6.7	7.5	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.5	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.3
Escambia	16,738	17,061	17,250	17,130	17,330	17,100	17,210	17,330	17,110	17,040	16,930	16,750	16,770	16,590	16,900
	9.9	11.5	15.1	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.2	10.0	10.1	10.4	11.1	12.7	13.8	13.7	17.2
Etowah	42,225	43,954	44,690	43,980	44,960	44,050	44,800	44,390	43,840	43,700	43,750	43,350	43,270	42,930	42,880
	10.3	13.0	17.4	13.6	14.9	13.1	13.4	11.8	11.5	11.0	11.5	11.8	12.8	13.1	13.0
Fayette	8,229	8,028	8,140	8,110	8,110	7,840	7,850	8,030	8,070	8,060	8,030	7,910	7,840	7,840	7,720
	14.3	13.8	14.8	15.2	13.7	13.4	13.8	13.4	13.8	13.2	12.5	13.0	12.1	12.9	12.6
Franklin	15,046	15,310	15,340	15,250	15,200	15,310	15,930	15,740	15,120	15,210	15,180	14,880	15,340	15,190	15,020
	13.7	13.6	15.1	13.3	12.0	13.1	16.0	13.5	12.5	12.1	12.0	12.1	14.6	13.9	13.2
Geneva	10,714	11,047	10,770	10,870	11,310	11,290	11,400	11,340	11,400	11,590	11,040	10,650	10,460	10,370	10,510
	9.5	8.5	9.3	9.2	8.9	8.6	9.6	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.3	7.5	8.4	8.4	8.2
Greene	3,841	3,733	3,860	3,690	3,720	3,640	3,710	3,760	3,830	3,890	3,820	3,760	3,760	3,760	3,900
	17.6	15.9	19.1	15.2	14.5	15.9	15.8	15.4	15.1	15.4	15.6	17.1	17.3	17.0	19.7
Hale	5,891	5,986	5,780	5,790	6,100	5,990	6,010	6,170	6,230	6,290	6,230	6,060	6,070	6,050	6,140
	11.3	10.7	11.5	10.3	11.3	11.3	9.9	11.6	9.8	9.4	11.1	11.2	11.4	9.8	10.1
Henry	6,748	6,631	6,580	6,640	6,820	6,630	6,560	6,620	6,840	6,830	6,650	6,410	6,370	6,350	6,410
	10.6	9.7	11.6	11.2	9.1	9.7	10.0	8.7	9.1	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.2	7.7	7.4
Houston	33,718	39,734	38,610	39,550	39,960	39,760	40,540	40,160	40,320	40,890	40,530	40,050	39,400	39,520	39,560
	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.2	8.3	8.4	9.1	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.1
Jackson	20,483	20,968	21,010	20,720	21,030	21,240	20,980	21,000	21,050	21,150	21,370	20,710	20,730	20,720	20,600
	12.3	14.7	19.1	13.4	13.0	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.1	12.1	16.4	12.0	13.1	12.6	10.9
Jefferson	312,343	335,634	331,060	333,470	336,180	336,040	340,350	342,060	341,530	340,740	339,950	337,320	335,860	336,480	335,270
	6.9	7.7	6.9	7.2	7.3	7.7	8.3	8.8	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.5	8.7	7.6
Lamar	8,808	8,856	8,830	8,720	8,900	8,880	9,140	8,930	9,000	8,790	8,900	8,810	8,920	8,950	8,900
	8.0	8.9	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.6	11.4	9.5	10.5	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.3	8.2
Lauderdale	36,158	37,027	37,090	37,040	37,810	37,520	37,260	37,270	37,100	37,330	36,820	36,290	36,080	36,120	36,030
	10.9	11.6	11.9	11.0	11.3	12.9	11.9	11.0	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.6	11.5	11.1	10.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986										1987		
	1985	1986	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lawrence	12,636 12.7	12,632 14.6	12,750 15.4	12,440 15.2	12,670 13.4	12,580 13.8	12,650 14.1	13,040 15.5	12,720 12.9	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9	12,170 16.1
Lee	37,752 7.0	38,124 7.7	38,170 7.6	38,560 7.2	39,020 7.2	38,200 8.1	38,440 9.5	37,760 7.5	37,790 7.9	38,070 7.2	38,260 6.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9	36,830 6.6
Limestone	27,043 7.1	29,806 8.9	29,520 9.9	29,520 8.8	30,220 8.7	29,940 9.1	29,910 9.3	29,900 11.1	30,460 7.5	30,570 8.0	30,330 7.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2	29,200 8.1
Lowndes	4,636 14.1	4,525 15.8	4,530 13.4	4,400 14.9	4,560 15.1	4,400 19.0	4,420 18.0	4,590 18.7	4,670 16.5	4,720 16.4	4,750 16.6	4,580 16.0	4,350 17.9	4,390 17.5	4,430 16.7
Macon	10,453 8.5	10,693 9.0	10,520 8.8	10,560 8.5	10,850 9.5	10,820 10.0	10,910 9.8	10,850 9.1	10,760 8.1	10,910 9.2	10,710 8.4	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8	10,430 6.6
Madison	117,762 5.9	126,253 7.2	123,690 7.2	124,240 6.7	126,420 6.7	128,530 7.8	128,590 7.5	128,380 7.9	128,380 7.6	128,630 7.5	128,660 7.3	127,930 7.2	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9	126,360 6.6
Marengo	9,934 10.6	10,045 11.1	10,540 16.3	10,360 10.4	10,430 10.1	9,940 10.8	10,110 13.5	10,070 10.3	10,070 9.5	10,140 9.6	10,020 10.2	9,970 10.7	9,800 10.4	9,730 9.5	10,080 16.1
Marion	15,278 13.8	16,083 14.3	15,940 13.9	16,200 13.5	16,250 12.3	16,230 12.8	16,550 16.4	16,220 14.5	16,110 14.9	16,150 14.1	15,960 15.2	15,610 15.3	15,620 16.9	15,380 15.7	15,400 17.1
Marshall	35,615 8.7	37,011 11.8	37,390 17.5	36,330 11.0	37,080 11.1	37,360 12.1	38,250 14.0	37,450 10.9	37,380 10.5	37,000 10.3	37,020 11.1	36,420 10.4	36,300 10.7	36,380 10.8	36,270 10.2
Mobile	166,738 9.4	172,880 11.1	171,320 11.3	171,790 11.1	174,860 11.3	175,670 11.7	176,630 11.3	176,980 11.2	173,910 11.2	173,620 10.8	173,350 10.6	171,770 10.7	171,770 11.5	171,420 11.5	169,800 10.3
Monroe	9,085 13.5	9,649 13.3	10,630 29.0	9,480 14.2	9,580 12.0	9,380 11.3	9,520 10.5	9,760 9.8	9,720 9.2	9,750 10.2	9,810 12.6	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5	10,070 28.1
Montgomery	91,901 7.2	97,695 7.6	95,710 7.2	96,860 7.3	99,120 8.1	98,730 8.1	99,450 8.0	99,110 7.5	99,020 7.5	99,750 7.8	99,480 7.9	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4	96,980 7.3
Morgan	43,368 8.1	45,825 10.0	45,050 10.2	45,400 9.5	46,200 9.1	46,640 10.0	46,770 10.5	47,190 11.5	46,010 9.7	46,260 9.9	45,920 9.6	45,670 9.7	45,390 10.1	45,360 10.1	45,840 11.1
Perry	5,336 13.2	5,444 12.9	5,370 11.7	5,220 10.1	5,620 12.4	5,490 12.4	5,540 12.5	5,540 12.9	5,520 10.9	5,630 10.4	5,620 15.4	5,500 20.3	5,480 19.0	5,430 12.5	5,450 12.7
Pickens	6,965 15.2	7,558 14.7	7,120 14.8	7,260 14.7	7,880 14.2	7,560 14.3	7,690 14.7	7,900 15.5	7,870 13.6	8,050 15.0	7,750 15.1	7,520 15.5	7,470 15.6	7,390 15.0	7,280 15.1
Pike	11,773 8.0	12,612 8.6	12,420 8.6	12,560 7.9	12,830 8.4	12,640 8.8	12,490 9.5	12,650 9.5	12,980 7.5	13,190 8.4	13,030 8.4	12,210 9.1	12,630 8.3	12,650 8.6	12,650 8.3
Randolph	8,865 9.6	9,424 9.2	9,270 7.9	9,440 7.9	9,620 11.6	9,420 10.2	9,330 9.7	9,750 12.4	9,450 10.4	9,520 9.4	9,600 8.3	9,430 7.5	9,440 7.2	9,410 7.3	9,470 7.8
Russell	20,634 10.5	22,641 9.6	22,530 10.2	22,570 9.4	22,580 9.0	22,680 9.1	22,780 9.4	22,960 9.1	22,790 8.8	22,900 9.9	22,810 9.4	22,700 9.2	22,680 9.7	22,430 8.9	22,440 8.3
St. Clair	20,691 8.1	20,610 8.4	20,510 8.3	20,380 7.4	20,710 8.2	20,890 9.4	21,200 10.2	20,700 8.1	20,710 8.1	20,700 7.8	20,620 7.6	20,610 8.1	20,440 8.2	20,380 8.1	20,590 8.2
Shelby	34,261 7.0	37,153 6.8	36,580 5.8	36,830 6.0	37,260 6.5	37,310 7.0	37,510 6.9	37,310 6.5	37,320 6.5	38,170 8.3	37,440 6.6	37,340 7.0	37,010 7.2	37,010 7.2	37,080 6.5
Sumter	6,147 13.7	6,243 21.0	6,320 22.7	6,270 22.2	6,450 22.0	6,440 26.3	6,460 25.1	6,410 22.5	6,230 18.3	6,260 17.9	6,160 17.8	5,800 17.2	5,830 16.3	5,810 15.5	5,810 16.1
Talladega	31,537 13.1	32,143 12.4	31,580 12.1	31,840 12.1	32,310 12.0	32,310 12.7	32,810 13.6	32,950 13.0	32,660 13.1	32,590 12.4	32,350 12.0	32,170 11.9	32,110 12.5	32,160 12.2	32,290 12.4
Tallapoosa	18,258 8.2	19,101 8.0	18,440 7.7	18,700 6.9	19,210 7.9	19,400 8.8	19,640 9.3	19,720 8.2	19,430 7.7	19,360 7.5	19,350 6.9	19,110 6.5	19,060 7.5	19,010 7.1	19,130 7.8
Tuscaloosa	64,346 6.8	68,450 7.7	67,780 7.6	68,060 7.3	68,760 8.2	67,120 8.6	67,710 8.2	69,420 8.1	70,000 7.6	70,000 7.1	69,930 7.3	69,250 7.5	69,180 7.6	69,180 7.5	69,190 7.4
Walker	33,097 9.9	30,633 15.2	31,250 17.3	31,320 17.1	31,320 16.6	31,570 17.6	31,700 17.4	30,110 13.1	29,750 12.0	29,350 10.6	29,730 11.9	29,760 12.5	30,000 14.1	29,860 13.7	30,020 13.4
Washington	5,855 14.9	5,594 19.4	5,720 21.8	5,540 19.3	5,660 19.3	5,770 21.5	5,770 22.0	5,530 18.1	5,570 17.8	5,580 16.9	5,570 17.6	5,530 20.3	5,490 20.6	5,430 19.5	5,650 23.2
Wilcox	4,391 16.4	4,402 16.8	4,310 17.3	4,310 17.5	4,450 17.5	4,540 19.4	4,480 18.8	4,490 17.1	4,430 15.7	4,500 15.3	4,470 15.9	4,330 14.7	4,300 14.8	4,280 14.4	4,270 13.5
Winston	10,488 17.1	10,288 21.1	10,440 25.6	10,590 22.9	10,380 19.7	10,260 19.4	10,320 19.2	10,350 19.2	10,220 17.0	10,130 16.4	10,230 20.0	9,990 20.0	10,080 22.9	9,910 22.8	9,830 20.5
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	774,985	707,055	62,021	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325			
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	13,402	14,193	1,232	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,040			
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	602,564	765,872	77,691	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380			
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	22,799	22,134	1,620	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134			
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,242	38,701	2,937	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,020	26,789	1,838	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438	2,073	2,024
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,881,466	2,012,114	163,267	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	150,881	150,881
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	153,540	159,481	12,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243	11,477

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Retail Trade Announcement

The Center for Business and Economic Research has monitored retail trade activity in the State of Alabama on a continuous basis since 1939. Regular estimates of retail sales activity provide an excellent measure of the overall economic health of the Alabama economy. In addition, retail sales estimates by category or type of sale serve as excellent indicators of consumer spending patterns and retail growth within the State.

Without the help of the Alabama Department of Revenue, such estimates would not be possible. As a part of a continuing program to improve the series, the Revenue Department entered into a major project to re-evaluate the classification to which each retail firm is assigned. Further, a major survey was undertaken to better estimate the proportion of retail sales of major retailers taking place in individual counties throughout Alabama.

These efforts, along with recent changes in the mainframe computer at The University of Alabama, have necessitated an extensive revision and rewrite of the computer software used to manage the retail sales data. And while we have made considerable progress, we believe it is in the best interest of our users to suspend publication of the retail trade series while we test the new computer programs and rebenchmark the retail trade series from 1979 to the current period.

As many industries often state when they remodel old facilities, "please pardon our progress." We sincerely regret the inconvenience that this brief suspension will cause our readers. We are confident that the revised series will better serve users of Alabama Business. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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	1985	1986	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,421	23,895	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	33,528	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	40,744
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	556	548	541	523	526	496	576	543	560	590	531	582	573
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,011,100	263,800	256,100	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	288,400	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100	247,900	298,800
Residential	1,240,900	1,466,300	136,100	[illegible]	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600	126,700	153,300
Nonresidential	1,062,900	1,004,800	99,800	81,400	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800	84,600	89,800
Public works and utilities	581,800	539,900	27,900	41,100	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	131	117	124	121	119	117	126	85	75	85	86	110	131
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	6,287	6,707	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767	6,804	6,879	6,893	6,824
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238
Franchise	69,838	75,088	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214	52,762	1,302
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	911	882	774	717	737	827	664	597	696	556	577	826	644
Sales	730,389	775,708	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140	14,074
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103
Use	79,253	84,390	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	665	19,291	795	742	18,569
Utility	156,209	160,233	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7
Percent change	3.6	1.9	-0.2	.3	.5	.0	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4	.5
Food	309.8	319.7	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0
Housing	349.9	360.2	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7
Transportation	319.9	307.5	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3
Medical care	403.1	433.5	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3
Energy	426.5	370.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.7	302.8	305.1
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.6	315.7	315.8	317.4
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.307	.306	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302	.300	.299	.298	.296
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.335	.334	.334	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332	.330	.330	.328
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[6]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,868.9	1,898.8	1,894.5	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	179.6	184.7	192.2	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.6	9.7	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,689.3	1,714.1	1,702.3	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,462.6	1,465.9	1,465.3	1,469.5	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	358.7	360.0	362.7	358.2	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	175.1	175.9	175.7	175.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	25.7	26.3	25.6	25.3	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.8	22.8	23.0	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.4	27.6	27.6	28.3	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.3	18.1	18.3	17.8	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	183.6	184.1	187.0	183.0	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0
Food	29.1	30.1	29.4	29.8	30.2	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.3	37.2	37.8	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4
Apparel	53.6	53.7	53.5	54.3	55.4	54.3	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.1	20.7	21.3	19.1	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,103.9	1,105.9	1,102.6	1,111.3	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	12.8	12.5	12.3	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	75.4	75.2	75.4	77.7	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.5	71.4	71.2	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6
Trade	305.6	320.4	315.7	317.9	319.3	322.6	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	76.4	76.7	76.8	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8
Retail	229.6	243.5	239.3	241.2	242.5	244.9	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2	250.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	68.5	68.5	69.3	69.9	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	258.7	258.5	259.3	259.7	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9
Government	295.9	297.0	301.3	301.9	295.8	297.2	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8
Federal	65.2	64.2	63.6	63.8	64.2	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7
State and local	230.7	232.8	237.7	238.1	231.6	232.7	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986									1987			
	1985	1986	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,257 8.7	15,694 7.9	15,350 6.2	15,760 7.4	15,760 7.8	16,030 8.5	15,870 7.5	15,970 8.1	16,220 9.2	16,160 9.2	15,800 8.1	15,870 8.9	15,960 9.6	15,770 8.6	15,890 8.1
Baldwin	37,577 7.7	38,264 8.9	37,980 8.8	38,560 8.7	38,530 8.7	39,250 9.5	38,780 8.0	38,170 8.3	38,230 8.2	38,520 8.8	38,640 10.0	38,370 10.1	38,040 9.5	39,520 12.6	37,990 7.7
Barbour	11,513 10.5	11,903 9.5	11,610 9.7	12,050 10.5	11,930 10.0	11,860 9.2	12,080 9.6	12,370 10.6	12,200 9.3	12,130 9.0	11,860 8.4	11,890 9.0	11,930 10.4	11,850 9.4	11,830 9.0
Bibb	6,880 12.4	7,273 13.3	7,150 14.5	7,310 13.4	7,440 13.0	7,370 11.5	7,370 11.6	7,320 11.4	7,400 11.5	7,310 14.0	7,260 16.0	7,280 16.8	7,220 14.7	7,120 13.4	7,090 10.8
Blount	17,227 6.9	16,682 9.0	16,490 8.0	16,790 9.1	16,760 9.3	16,740 8.6	16,760 8.8	16,740 8.6	16,730 8.3	16,830 9.0	16,780 9.4	16,840 10.6	16,680 9.8	17,070 11.0	16,980 9.1
Bullock	3,678 16.4	3,971 17.3	3,880 14.2	4,120 19.7	4,050 16.5	4,080 19.4	4,030 18.4	4,060 15.9	4,180 15.5	4,080 17.2	3,950 18.7	3,840 17.6	3,770 15.7	3,750 14.1	3,800 12.7
Butler	9,076 12.3	9,382 11.7	9,240 12.2	9,440 11.6	9,560 15.1	9,170 11.6	9,520 11.7	9,420 11.6	9,510 11.3	9,540 11.4	9,500 11.0	9,610 11.8	9,630 14.0	9,650 13.5	9,430 9.3
Calhoun	49,983 8.9	51,892 9.6	51,500 9.3	51,940 9.9	51,910 10.2	52,560 10.2	52,370 9.5	52,420 10.0	52,410 9.6	52,260 9.4	51,890 9.5	51,850 10.5	51,600 10.2	51,760 11.2	51,420 8.7
Chambers	16,933 8.8	17,241 8.6	17,070 7.6	17,340 8.4	17,200 9.0	17,840 12.0	17,540 9.3	17,260 9.1	17,140 8.1	17,110 7.6	17,040 7.7	17,020 7.7	17,000 7.7	17,010 7.3	17,190 6.7
Cherokee	7,963 14.7	7,768 13.5	7,810 14.7	7,990 13.3	7,870 13.6	7,730 12.6	7,820 11.0	7,850 10.2	7,870 10.9	7,800 11.5	7,590 12.0	7,770 12.0	7,780 12.0	7,860 17.3	8,040 9.7
Chilton	15,129 10.3	15,723 10.6	15,550 9.7	15,860 9.7	15,810 9.8	15,890 9.5	15,750 9.3	15,800 10.0	16,190 11.4	15,940 12.7	15,560 13.0	15,580 13.9	15,630 12.2	15,560 11.9	15,350 10.1
Choctaw	6,541 14.6	7,481 14.9	7,580 15.4	7,490 15.8	7,660 17.0	7,730 17.7	7,550 14.5	7,180 13.5	7,390 13.1	7,350 15.4	7,070 14.6	6,980 14.6	6,860 13.1	7,060 18.7	6,800 10.5
Clarke	11,044 9.9	11,363 11.4	11,220 11.9	11,320 11.0	11,410 11.0	11,430 10.4	11,480 9.7	11,360 9.9	11,590 10.3	11,570 10.5	11,570 12.0	11,590 11.9	11,520 11.8	11,480 17.8	11,290 10.1
Clay	6,397 11.1	6,358 15.0	6,670 24.9	6,470 25.7	6,380 12.0	6,270 11.5	6,380 11.8	6,250 12.9	6,300 12.3	6,210 9.7	6,110 8.5	6,220 11.2	6,130 10.9	6,260 20.8	6,120 9.4
Cleburne	5,766 9.1	5,719 8.8	5,730 8.4	5,780 7.3	5,700 7.1	5,750 7.6	5,890 9.2	5,930 15.2	5,800 8.3	5,640 6.7	5,680 7.1	5,630 7.8	5,490 8.1	5,310 12.4	5,320 7.9
Coffee	17 034 7.2	17,625 8.8	17,440 8.4	17,850 8.2	17,590 8.4	17,510 8.2	18,070 7.6	18,040 9.2	18,250 10.2	17,910 9.7	17,260 9.5	17,000 9.4	16,950 9.0	17,070 7.6	17,310 7.1
Colbert	24,545 13.1	24,628 13.9	24,770 13.8	24,960 13.0	24,660 14.2	25,020 15.0	25,020 14.2	24,860 14.3	24,730 13.0	24,540 13.3	24,500 14.3	24,360 15.1	24,340 14.6	23,940 12.7	23,800 10.8
Conecuh	6,309 10.8	6,458 16.0	6,590 15.5	6,650 15.2	6,570 15.7	6,170 12.7	6,300 15.3	6,290 15.4	6,400 17.3	6,440 17.9	6,380 19.5	6,360 20.9	6,390 23.1	6,610 25.4	6,140 17.3
Coosa	4,620 7.5	4,760 8.0	4,680 8.9	4,750 9.4	4,660 10.3	4,650 8.7	4,720 8.1	4,790 7.4	4,830 7.5	4,830 7.1	4,680 6.3	4,860 7.3	4,810 6.7	4,750 7.0	4,780 5.4
Covington	17,128 9.7	17,224 10.7	16,940 11.4	17,420 11.1	17,170 10.4	17,260 10.4	17,240 10.1	17,490 10.5	17,620 10.0	17,710 11.5	17,310 10.3	17,340 10.5	17,270 10.2	17,250 9.4	17,460 8.0
Crenshaw	6,104 9.1	6,187 9.0	5,950 8.5	6,330 8.3	6,140 8.5	6,120 8.3	6,280 8.2	6,430 7.5	6,480 7.7	6,370 8.7	6,180 9.5	6,080 9.7	6,210 14.8	6,260 18.0	6,180 9.0
Cullman	30,433 9.6	31,390 9.4	30,960 9.3	31,720 8.7	31,660 9.4	31,680 9.4	31,730 8.9	32,030 8.9	32,490 8.7	31,900 9.8	31,160 9.8	30,830 9.9	30,890 10.2	30,900 9.5	31,320 8.5
Dale	19,531 7.4	16,753 10.1	16,640 10.7	16,910 10.4	16,960 11.2	17,120 11.0	17,000 10.1	17,070 10.1	17,290 9.5	17,010 8.9	16,730 8.7	16,560 9.2	16,810 10.1	16,730 9.2	16,800 8.1
Dallas	22,316 15.0	23,022 15.9	23,060 15.0	23,740 15.5	23,640 17.0	23,620 15.8	23,390 15.4	22,840 15.2	22,830 15.6	22,500 16.4	22,220 16.8	22,060 16.0	21,750 14.7	21,590 13.9	22,120 16.6
DeKalb	27,461 10.4	28,748 10.0	28,170 9.5	29,180 9.5	29,170 10.1	29,540 10.3	29,810 9.3	29,510 9.4	29,400 9.1	29,060 9.6	28,390 9.5	28,360 10.9	28,450 11.3	28,230 11.0	28,550 8.6
Elmore	20,784 7.3	21,013 6.9	20,870 6.7	21,340 7.5	21,160 7.1	21,320 6.9	21,290 6.7	21,180 6.2	21,310 6.5	21,420 7.2	21,090 6.8	21,070 7.2	20,900 6.6	20,800 6.3	20,990 5.9
Escambia	16,738 9.9	17,061 11.5	17,130 12.0	17,330 11.9	17,100 11.9	17,210 11.2	17,330 10.0	17,110 10.1	17,040 10.4	16,930 11.1	16,750 12.7	16,770 13.8	16,590 13.7	16,900 17.2	16,290 11.2
Etowah	42,225 10.3	43,954 13.0	43,980 13.6	44,960 14.9	44,050 13.1	44,800 13.4	44,390 11.8	43,840 11.5	43,700 11.0	43,750 11.5	43,350 11.8	43,270 12.8	42,930 13.1	42,880 13.0	42,530 10.2
Fayette	8,229 14.3	8,028 13.8	8,110 15.2	8,110 13.7	7,840 13.4	7,850 13.8	8,030 13.4	8,070 13.8	8,060 13.2	8,030 12.5	7,910 13.0	7,840 12.1	7,840 12.9	7,720 12.6	7,750 11.6
Franklin	15,046 13.7	15,310 13.6	15,250 13.3	15,200 12.0	15,310 13.1	15,930 16.0	15,740 13.5	15,120 12.5	15,210 12.1	15,180 12.0	14,880 12.1	15,340 14.6	15,190 13.9	15,020 13.2	15,100 10.7
Geneva	10,714 9.5	11,047 8.5	10,870 9.2	11,310 8.9	11,290 8.6	11,400 9.6	11,340 7.9	11,400 8.2	11,590 8.5	11,040 7.3	10,650 7.5	10,460 8.4	10,370 8.4	10,510 8.2	10,650 7.2
Greene	3,841 17.6	3,733 15.9	3,690 15.2	3,720 14.5	3,640 15.9	3,710 15.8	3,760 15.4	3,830 15.1	3,890 15.4	3,820 15.6	3,760 17.1	3,760 17.3	3,760 17.0	3,900 19.7	3,720 13.9
Hale	5,891 11.3	5,986 10.7	5,790 10.3	6,100 11.3	5,990 11.3	6,010 9.9	6,170 11.6	6,230 9.8	6,290 9.4	6,230 11.1	6,060 11.2	6,070 11.4	6,050 9.8	6,140 10.1	6,190 8.4
Henry	6,748 10.6	6,631 9.7	6,640 11.2	6,820 9.1	6,630 9.7	6,560 10.0	6,620 8.7	6,840 9.1	6,830 7.7	6,650 7.8	6,410 7.9	6,370 8.2	6,350 7.7	6,410 7.4	6,710 7.6
Houston	33.718 8.4	39,734 8.3	39,550 9.2	39,960 8.3	39,760 8.4	40,540 9.1	40,160 8.0	40,320 8.0	40,890 7.4	40,530 7.5	40,050 7.7	39,400 7.7	39,520 7.5	39,560 7.1	39,960 6.5
Jackson	20,483 12.3	20,968 14.7	20,720 13.4	21,030 13.0	21,240 14.6	20,980 15.2	21,000 13.7	21,050 13.1	21,150 12.1	21,370 16.4	20,710 12.0	20,730 13.1	20,720 12.6	20,600 10.9	20,660 9.3
Jefferson	312,343 6.9	335,634 7.7	333,470 7.2	336,180 7.3	336,040 7.7	340,350 8.3	342,060 8.8	341,530 8.6	340,740 8.2	339,950 8.1	337,320 8.0	335,860 8.5	336,480 8.7	335,270 7.6	338,280 6.8
Lamar	8,808 8.0	8,856 8.9	8,720 8.2	8,900 8.5	8,880 8.6	9,140 11.4	8,930 9.5	9,000 10.5	8,790 9.1	8,900 8.6	8,810 8.7	8,920 8.9	8,950 9.3	8,900 8.2	8,830 6.7
Lauderdale	36,158 10.9	37,027 11.6	37,040 11.0	37,810 11.3	37,520 12.9	37,260 11.9	37,270 11.0	37,100 11.2	37,330 11.0	36,820 10.7	36,290 10.6	36,080 11.5	36,120 11.1	36,030 10.3	35,760 8.4

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986									1987			
	1985	1986	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lawrence	12,636 12.7	12,632 14.6	12,440 15.2	12,670 13.4	12,580 13.8	12,650 14.1	13,040 15.5	12,720 12.9	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9	12,170 16.1	12,100 13.6
Lee	37,752 7.0	38,124 7.7	38,560 7.2	39,020 7.2	38,200 8.1	38,440 9.5	37,760 7.5	37,790 7.9	38,070 7.2	38,260 6.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9	36,830 6.6	37,000 6.1
Limestone	27,043 7.1	29,806 8.9	29,520 8.8	30,220 8.7	29,940 9.1	29,910 9.3	29,900 11.1	30,460 7.5	30,570 8.0	30,330 7.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2	29,200 8.1	29,370 7.0
Lowndes	4,636 14.1	4,525 15.8	4,400 14.9	4,560 15.1	4,400 19.0	4,420 18.0	4,590 18.7	4,670 16.5	4,720 16.4	4,750 16.6	4,580 16.0	4,350 17.9	4,390 17.5	4,430 16.7	4,560 16.6
Macon	10,453 8.5	10,693 9.0	10,560 8.5	10,850 9.5	10,820 10.0	10,910 9.8	10,850 9.1	10,760 8.1	10,910 9.2	10,710 8.4	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8	10,430 6.6	10,480 5.7
Madison	117,762 5.9	126,253 7.2	124,240 6.7	126,420 6.7	128,530 7.8	128,590 7.5	128,380 7.9	128,380 7.6	128,630 7.5	128,660 7.3	127,930 7.2	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9	126,360 6.6	126,870 5.7
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Monroe	9,085 13.5	9,649 13.3	9,480 14.2	9,580 12.0	9,380 11.3	9,520 10.5	9,760 9.8	9,720 9.2	9,750 10.2	9,810 12.6	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5	10,070 28.1	9,520 10.8
Montgomery	91,901 7.2	97,695 7.6	96,860 7.3	99,120 8.1	98,730 8.1	99,450 8.0	99,110 7.5	99,020 7.5	99,750 7.8	99,480 7.9	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4	96,980 7.3	97,570 6.6
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TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	774,985	707,055	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325	57,440			
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	13,402	14,193	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,040	893			
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	602,564	765,872	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380	110,165			
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	22,799	22,134	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134	1,836			
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,242	38,701	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,020	26,789	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438	2,073	2,024	1,900
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,881,466	2,012,114	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	150,881	150,881	150,881
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	153,540	159,481	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data

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[4] End-of-month balance

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[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations

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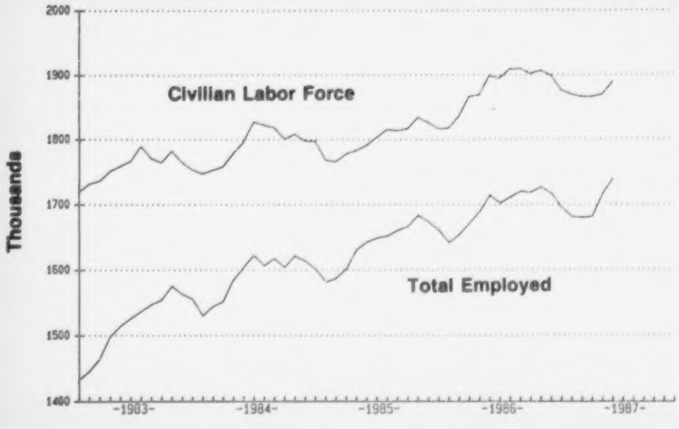

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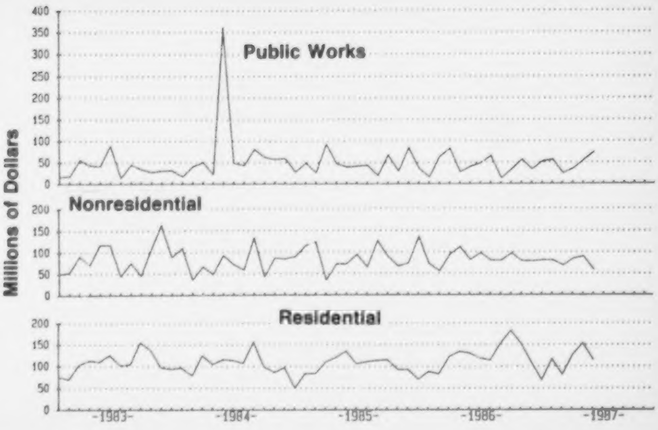

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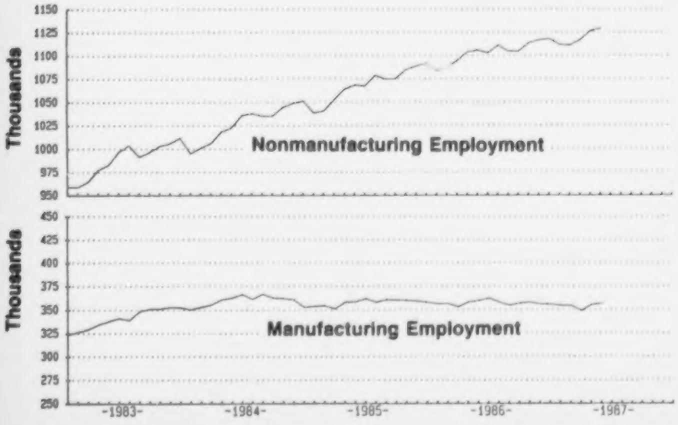

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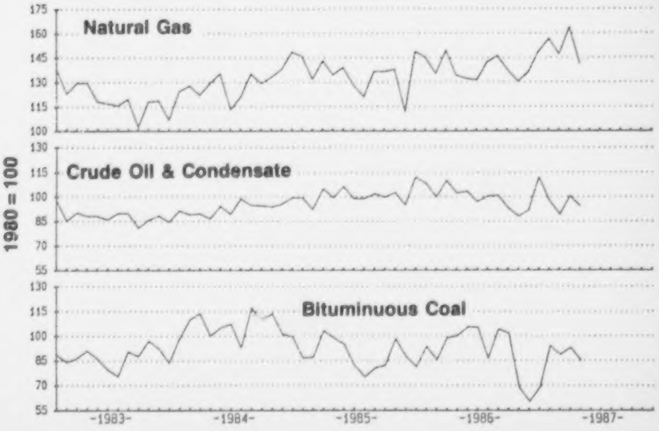

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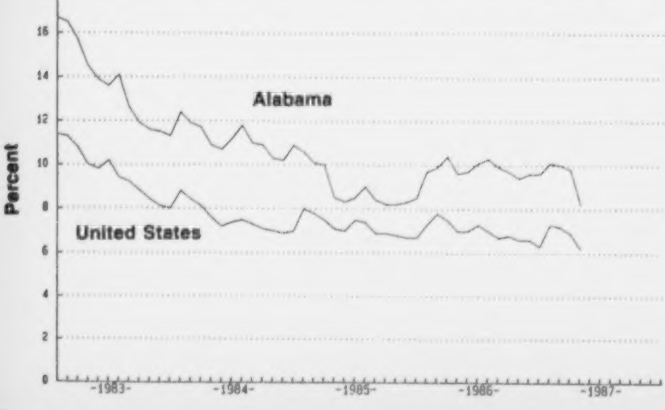

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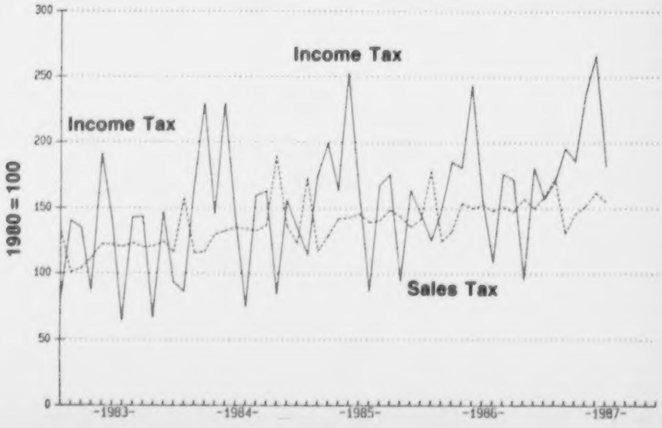

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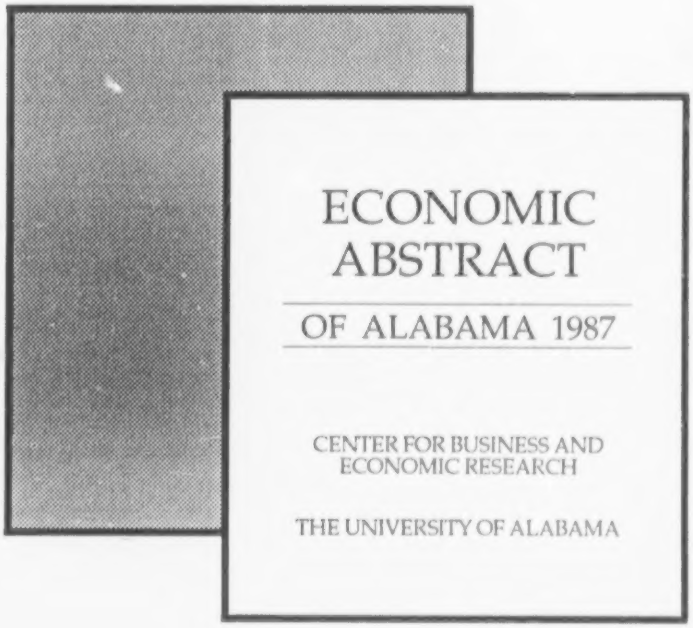

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OUTLOOK FOR ALABAMA'S MAJOR INDUSTRIES

Ahmad Ijaz

Four major industry sectors provide about 75 percent of total employment in Alabama. These sectors include manufacturing, trade, services, and government. This report examines these four industries.

Finance, insurance, and real estate; construction; mining; and agriculture and farming provide smaller shares of the state's total employment. An upcoming report will discuss the outlook for these industries.

Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods

Apparel. In the nondurable goods manufacturing industry group, the apparel industry is the largest single employer. It traditionally has provided about 3.3 to 3.4 percent of total employment and about 15 percent of total manufacturing employment. The apparel industry has also been Alabama's most troubled producer and the hardest hit by imports competition.

Employment in the apparel industry fell by seven percent in 1986. If imports become more costly, Alabama's apparel manufacturers are likely to become more competitive and expand their market share both in the domestic and international markets. The decrease in tax rates is also likely to help this extremely labor intensive industry. In 1987 employment in the apparel industry is expected to increase by approximately one percent.

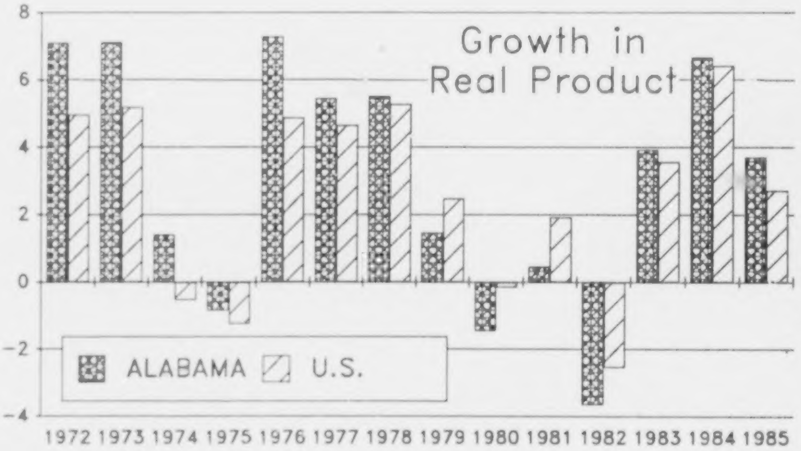
Textiles. Employment in the textiles industry has been on the decline since the 1974-75 period. Despite large declines in employment in 1985 of approximately seven percent, the textiles industry showed promising growth in employment in 1986.

One of the major reasons for the increase in textiles employment was strong demand for its use in automobiles, residential buildings and furnishings. The demand for textiles is expected to remain high in 1987. Employment in the textiles industry is expected to maintain its previous level.

Food. The food industry has shown promising growth during the last two years. Although the increase was not as high in 1986 as it was in 1984-85, the prospects for the food industry look good for 1987. Employment in this industry is expected to grow at about 2.7 percent in 1987.

Paper. The paper industry in Alabama constitutes approximately 1.3 percent of the total state employment and accounts for about 2.9 percent of Gross State Product. Employment in the paper industry suffered a small decline of less than one percent during 1983-84. After an increase in employment of about one percent in 1984-85, it suffered a further decline of about two percent during 1985-86. The decline in employment was partly because of lost competitiveness due to the pressures of high wage rates in the paper industry.

Despite the decline in paper employment, during the period 1984 through 1986, the paper industry's output grew at an average rate of approximately seven percent annually.



Increased automation in the paper industry will help it maintain a steady growth rate but will not significantly add to the paper industry's share of the total state employment.

Rubber and Plastics. Employment in the rubber and plastics industry has increased at a declining rate in Alabama during the past three years. After growing at a rate of approximately eight percent in 1984, the employment in this industry grew at about four percent in 1985 and approximately three percent in 1986. If the demand for automobiles remains strong, employment in the rubber industry is expected to increase by 3.5 percent in 1987.

Chemicals. The chemicals industry in Alabama constitutes less than one percent of the total state employment and about three percent of the state's total manufacturing employment. Employment in the chemicals industry has declined since 1980. After a small increase during 1983-84 period, employment in the chemicals industry dropped some in 1984-85 again in 1985-86 period. The decline in agriculture and farming sectors in Alabama during recent years partially affected the demand for chemicals in the state.

Durable Goods

The durable goods industry group in the state accounts for about 10 percent of total employment. During the past three years employment in durable goods grew at a higher rate than the nondurable goods industry as a whole.

Machinery. The machinery manufacturing industry, including both electrical and nonelectrical machinery manufacturing, is one of the largest durable goods industries in the state. After an exceptionally strong performance in 1984-85, employment in this industry increased by only approximately two percent in 1986.

A sharp decline in the price of oil and the slump in coal mining had adverse effects on the regional manufacturers of machinery used in energy related industries. An increase in the price of oil and gas could improve the conditions for the machinery manufacturers and help increase its employment in 1987 by about three percent. An increase in space program activities in Huntsville after the space shuttle disaster also could help machinery manufacturers.

Transportation Equipment. Transportation equipment was one of the strongest growing industries during the period 1984 through 1986. Alabama's tire manufacturing industry and various auto parts plants enjoyed strong growth in employment due to strong automobile demand in 1986. One of the major reasons for strong automobile demand was high inventories of the auto manufacturers, low financing rates, and the change in the tax laws effective in 1987 drastically increasing the sale of big ticket items at the end of 1986.

If automobile sales remain at their previous year's levels, employment in the transportation equipment industry should stabilize to a more moderate and sustainable growth rate. At the current levels of production, employment in this industry could increase at a rate of about two percent in 1987.

Metals. Employment in both fabricated and primary metals has fallen substantially during the last few years. However, employment in fabricated metals is expected to increase by approximately four percent in 1987. Nevertheless, it will not regain its previous share of total employment.

Primary metals' share of total employment dropped from a peak of 3.4 percent in 1971 to 2.7 percent in 1979 and to 1.5 percent in 1985. After a decrease in employment of four percent in 1986, the demand for primary metals industries is not expected to increase in 1987.

The main reasons for this decline and the pessimistic picture of primary metals industries are the high costs of labor and the lack of technological improvements which make foreign manufactured steel relatively cheaper. Innovations in steel production could make Alabama steel more competitive in both domestic and foreign markets but would not necessarily increase the employment.

Lumber and Wood Products. Despite a strong performance by the construction industry in 1984-85, lumber and wood products in Alabama suffered a decline in employment of 2.3 percent in 1986. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, the high value of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar made imported lumber from Canada relatively cheaper.

If the construction sector remains strong and if government sanctions on foreign lumber continue, the lumber industry could increase employment by 1.5 percent in 1987. In the long run improvement in the lumber industry is expected because of an abundant supply of forest land in the state which makes Alabama lumber very competitive in domestic markets.

Nonmanufacturing

Services

The services sector, along with trade and government, is one of the largest nonmanufacturing sectors in Alabama. It provides about 17 percent of total employment in the state. During 1984 and 1985 employment in the services sector grew at an average rate of five percent. The growth rate dropped to a more moderate rate of about two percent in 1986.

Lower gasoline prices and increased auto travel in 1986 helped the tourism industry draw more visitors to the state. An increase in people traveling through the state also helped the hotel and restaurant businesses.

Growth in manufacturing, trade, and government employment in 1987 should also increase employment in services industry. In 1987 the services sector in Alabama is expected to increase employment by approximately 2.2 percent and output by about 3.3 percent.

Trade

Trade is Alabama's second largest nonmanufacturing sector after government. From 1984 to 1986 the average annual increase in trade sector employment was about five percent. Retail sales grew at an average annual growth rate of seven percent during the period 1985-86. The anticipated changes in the tax laws in 1987 also increased the retail sales of durable consumer goods during the last part of 1986.

An increase in employment in Alabama's manufacturing sector could raise the level of total personal income, which in turn can help retail sales perform even stronger in 1987.

Retail sales figures and revenues from sales tax show a promising picture for domestic trade. However, the state's international trade outlook is not as optimistic.

Government

Relatively strong performances by the trade, construction and services sectors in 1986 increased revenues for state and local governments, enabling some growth in government services. Employment in state and local government increased at an average annual rate of about two percent during the period 1984 through 1986. Federal government employment during the same period suffered a slight decline.

In 1987 federal government employment is only expected to increase by one percent, mainly due to an increase in federal military employment. On the other hand, in 1987 employment in state and local government is expected to increase by four percent.

Conclusion

Although the national economy is expected to experience a sluggish and moderate growth in 1987, Alabama's economy, due to its comparative advantages in some industries, is expected to have a slightly higher average growth rate. A decline in the exchange value of the dollar in 1987 would make the state's manufacturing sector more competitive in export markets. Without significant growth in Alabama's import sensitive manufacturing industries: steel, textiles, and apparel, the unemployment rate in the state will remain well above the national average. ☐

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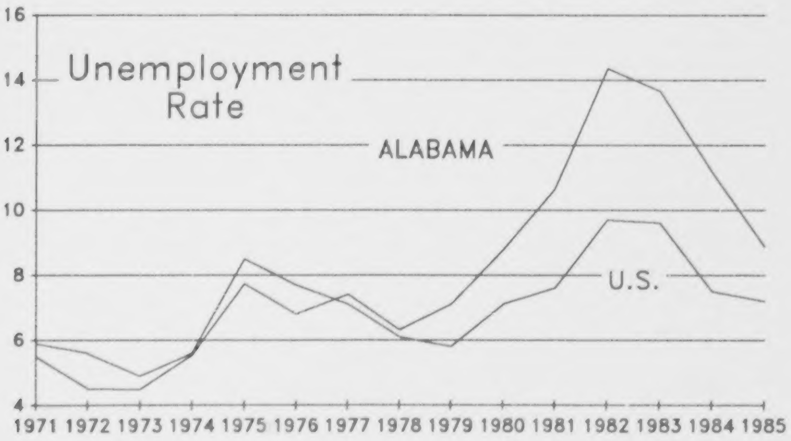

THE ECONOMY IN PERSPECTIVE: FOCUS ON LAMAR COUNTY

Edward Rigdon

Lamar County lies along Alabama's western border with Mississippi. On the south, west, and north, Lamar County abuts Pickens, Fayette and Marion counties. Lamar County was formed out of land from Marion and Fayette counties in 1866, in the troubled post-war period.

Originally named "Jones County," for E. P. Jones of Fayette County, the new subdivision was marked off with four straight lines. Unfortunately, as they were originally established by the legislature, the new borders also included Pikeville, then the county seat of Marion County.

A second legislative act was passed, giving back to Marion County the one square mile of land in northeastern Jones County that included Pikeville, and leaving a notch in the new county's border which is still there today. So it would not be inaccurate to say that, while Lamar County was formed partly from Marion County, Marion County was itself formed partly from Lamar County. (The seat of Marion County was subsequently moved to Toll Gate, later renamed Hamilton, in 1882.)

The newly established Jones County, however, was abolished at the state constitutional convention of 1867. The next year, Sanford County, named for H. C. Sanford of Cherokee County, was established on the same boundaries. Only in 1877 was the current name given to the parcel of land that had been marked out ten years before. According to Acee's (1976) *A History of Lamar County*, the new name was in honor of L. Q. C. Lamar, "a Georgia born statesman of Mississippi."

Today the county seat and largest town in Lamar County is Vernon (1980 population 2,609). North of Vernon lies the county's second largest town, Sulligent (population 2,130), named for two railroad engineers, Sullivan and Sargent. William B. Bankhead, Jr., who went on to become Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, was born in Moscow, near present-day Sulligent, in 1874.

Other towns of note include Millport (population 1,287), in the south; Kennedy, in the southeast corner of the county; and Detroit, in the northwest corner. Detroit has recently gained especial distinction as the hometown of our own Deborah Hamilton, an Assistant Director at CBER.

Berney's (1892) *Hand-Book of Alabama* noted that Lamar County was well-watered, "with fine water power," served by railroad and telegraph, enjoying an excellent climate, and endowed with "schools and churches in all parts of the county (p. 303)." With all these advantages, one might have foreseen rapid growth and general prosperity in the county's future.

However, growth and change have come slowly. From an 1890s population of 14,187, Lamar County gradually grew to a 1980 population of 16,453, an increase of about 16 percent over almost 90 years. In contrast, the population of the state as a whole grew about 160 percent, from 1.5 million to 3.9 million, over the same period.

Like the state, the bulk of the growth in Lamar County has been in the white population, which increased from 11,338 in the 1890s to 14,435 in 1980, an increase of 27 percent. The black population of the county has actually declined 30 percent over this period, going from 2,849 in the 1890s to 1,997 in 1980, and leaving Lamar County with a proportionate black population less than half that for the state as a whole.

Lamar is among the most rural of Alabama's counties. It is one of twelve Alabama counties that neither is part of nor borders on a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Prosperity of a sort has come to Lamar County. Lamar County's 1984 per capita personal income of $9,496 was 95 percent of the statewide figure of $9,987.

Census figures show the proportion of persons living at the very bottom of the economic scale to be marginally lower in Lamar County than in the state as a whole. Based on 1979 data, 18.0 percent of Lamar County's residents lived below the poverty line, compared with 18.5 percent of the state population. And while 12.4 percent of the state population had an income more than 25 percent below the poverty level, only 10.5 percent of the county's residents were in this situation.

One reason for the relative strength of average incomes in Lamar County in recent years has been the rise in oil and gas exploration activity. While many people are familiar with the petroleum boom in the Mobile Bay area, fewer are aware of a similar boom affecting northwestern Alabama. Wells are currently scattered across Marion, Fayette, and Perry Counties, with the center of activity (on the Alabama side of the state line) sitting squarely in Lamar County.

The majority of the direct impact of the boom on county incomes has been through royalty payments to property holders. Between 1979 and 1982, total "Dividends, Interest and Rent" in Lamar County doubled, from $11.2 million to $23.3 million (an increase of 108.0 percent). The increases in this category for the state and nation as a whole were only 75.2 percent and 62.9 percent, respectively.

The mining industry also directly accounted for 102 full- and part-time jobs in 1984, but this does not compare with the injection of income through royalty payments.

Like many rural counties in the South, Lamar County has pursued economic success through manufacturing. Despite being mostly rural, Lamar County does not overly depend on agriculture for jobs and income. In 1982, 31.4 percent of Alabama's total land area was in farms. In Lamar County, in the same year, the proportion was only 18.7 percent.

Compared with state figures, Lamar County depends heavily on manufacturing to support its economy. Statewide, 26.1 percent of all employed persons (age 16 and over) work in manufacturing, but in Lamar County nearly half—49.0 percent—of all workers owe their livelihood to manufacturing. Furthermore, whereas 38.7 percent of all state workers are occupationally classified as "precision production, craft, and repair" or as "operators, fabricators and laborers," in Lamar County these occupations account for 59.6 percent, nearly three-fifths of all workers.

Unlike many parts of the rural South, however, Lamar County has avoided total dependence on low-wage industries such as clothing and textile manufacturing. True, a glance at the *Directory of Mining and Manufacturing* will suggest that the county's large employers are a number of plants all engaged in manufacturing slacks. Census data, however, show that the manufacturing jobs held by Lamar County residents are almost evenly divided between nondurable (including clothing) and durable manufacturing industries, with a slight edge on the durable side, about the same as the statewide distribution.

While durable manufacturing accounted for 52.9 percent of all manufacturing jobs in 1980, it brought in 65.9 percent of all manufacturing wages in 1980. These figures imply an average wage rate in Lamar County in durable manufacturing that is 70 percent higher than the average in nondurable manufacturing. This differential, along with the well-known vulnerability of low-wage manufacturing jobs to competition from even cheaper foreign labor, makes textile and clothing plants a mixed blessing for much of the South, including Lamar County.

Lamar County has a low cost of living, room to grow, and good access to expertise in technology and management. The county seat, Vernon, is about an hour from Tuscaloosa, home of the University of Alabama. To attract the kinds of new businesses that can help form a basis for prosperity going into the next century, the county will need to continue to develop an educated work force.

Census Bureau figures suggest that, over time, educational attainment in Lamar County has increased and will continue to increase.

For being such a rural county, Lamar presents an economic mosaic that is surprisingly complex. The discovery of oil there has added a certain luster to the county's prospects. The presence of durable goods manufacturers, alongside the standard Southern clothing plants, provides a diversity which may spare the county the worst of the hard times which often plague rural areas.

What Lamar County really needs to solidify its economic coming-of-age is the development of a resident managerial and professional class. A broadening of these middle income groups would mean an increase in the county's security against foreign competition and the auctioning of jobs to the lowest bidder; but in order to accomplish this Lamar County will need to continue to press for the enhancement of educational achievement (and opportunity) in the county. By combining a better-educated work force with its established base in manufacturing, Lamar County has a good chance of enjoying true prosperity in the long term. ☐

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NEWS BRIEFS

AFTER-TAX INCOME

United States household after-tax income averaged $22,650 in 1985, according to a report from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau. The report does not give separate figures for Alabama, but does report averages for regions of the country. After-tax income for households in the Northeast increased 3.3 percent to $23,650, increased slightly in the West (to $24,350), but did not change significantly in the South ($21,570) or Midwest ($21,910).

The report shows that 1985 after-tax income of married couples with children rose to $28,390, while the average for female-maintained family households increased to $13,090. There was no change among married-couple families without children ($27,710).

Taxes covered in this study (federal and state income taxes, payroll taxes, and property taxes) absorbed about 22 percent of the total money income received by all households; the average amount paid was $6,950.

Tax payments totaled $569 billion in 1985, of which 56 percent went to federal income taxes, 22 percent for FICA (Social Security) payroll taxes, 13 percent for state income taxes, and eight percent for property taxes.

Ninety-three percent of households paid at least one of the four taxes covered. Some 77 percent paid federal income taxes, 75 percent paid FICA taxes, 65 percent paid state income taxes, and 60 percent paid property taxes.

The survey showed that 65 percent of households with incomes below the poverty level paid at least one type of tax in 1985. Forty-three percent paid FICA payroll taxes, one-third paid property taxes, 15 percent paid state income taxes, and 10 percent paid federal income taxes. Taxes amounted to eight percent of the pre-tax income of poverty households, and their payments reduced average income from $4,760 to $4,400.

Copies of *Household After-Tax Income: 1985,* Series P-23, No. 151, are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, or from any depository library. □

CHEMICALS

Did you know how diverse the chemicals industry is? The chemicals industry produces products such as: industrial gases; industrial inorganic chemicals; industrial organic chemicals; medicinal chemicals; pharmaceutical preparations; dyes and pigments; soap and detergents; polishing and sanitation preparations; perfumes and cosmetics; paints, varnishes, lacquers, and enamels; gum and wood chemicals; fertilizers; pesticides; adhesives and sealants; explosives; and printing ink.

Alabama has plants in every part of the state making these kinds of products. Some of the plants are quite large, employing hundreds of people who work for major international firms. Other plants are home owned and operated and have as few as five employees. On the average, chemical workers are very highly paid. Their annual average wage in 1987 is $29,600 in Alabama. □

ALABAMA COUNTIES WITH A BLACK POPULATION OF 50 PERCENT OR MORE

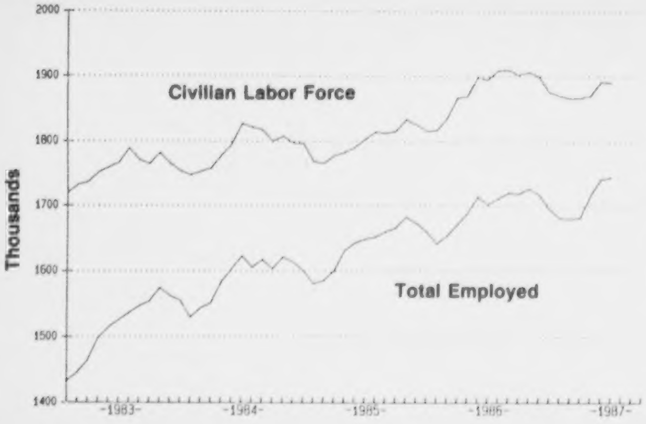
Rank* in the Nation	County	Total Population	Black Population	Black Population Percent of Total
13	Bullock	10,596	7,160	67.6%
68	Dallas	53,981	29,488	54.6%
4	Greene	11,021	8,596	78.0%
22	Hale	15,604	9,799	62.8%
5	Lowndes	13,253	9,937	75.0%
1	Macon	26,829	22,579	84.2%
72	Marengo	25,047	13,346	53.3%
36	Perry	15,012	9,019	60.1%
11	Sumter	16,908	11,711	69.3%
12	Wilcox	14,755	10,151	68.8%

*Rank is based on 1980 black population as a percent of total persons.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Summary Characteristics of the Black Population for States and Selected Counties and Places: 1980,* p. 40. □

ALABAMA BUSINESS AT A GLANCE

ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT



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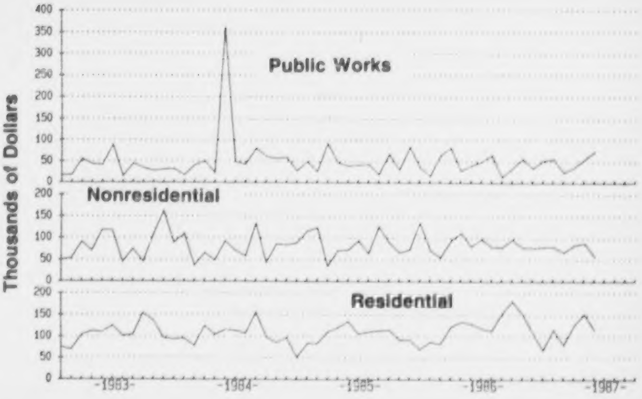

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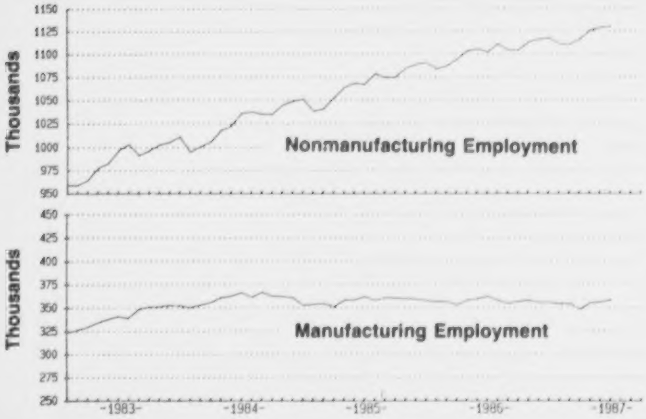

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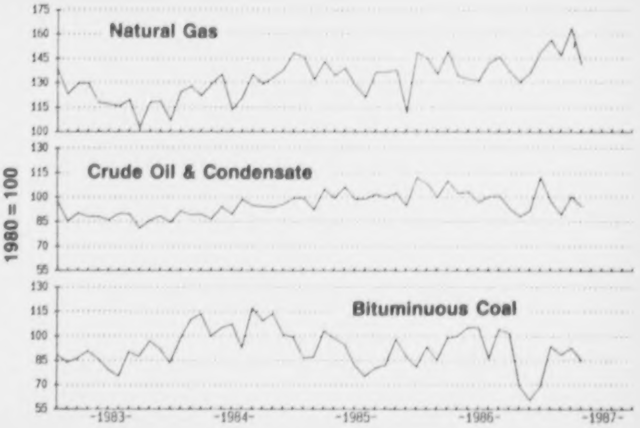

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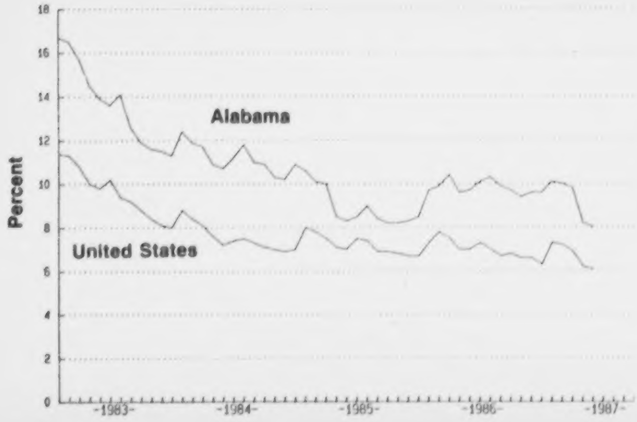

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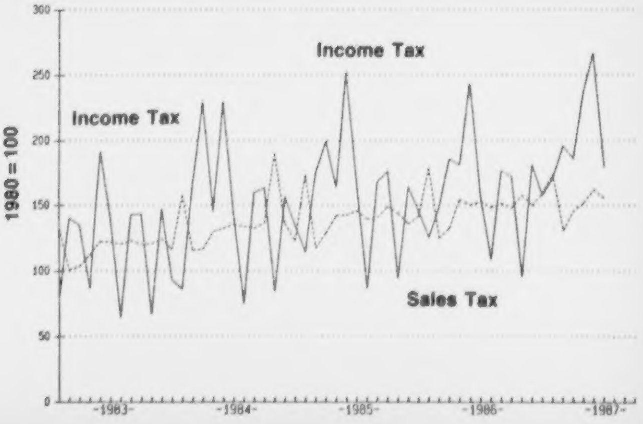

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986								1987				
	1985	1986	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Industrial															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,421	23,895	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,885
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	1,973
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	548	541	523	526	496	576	543	560	590	531	582	573	579
Construction															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,011,100	256,100	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	288,400	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100	247,900	298,800	246,900
Residential	1,240,900	1,466,300	133,500	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600	126,700	153,300	114,900
Nonresidential	1,062,900	1,004,800	81,400	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800	84,600	89,800	57,500
Public works and utilities	581,800	539,900	41,100	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800	74,400
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	117	124	121	119	117	126	85	75	85	86	110	131	126
Finance															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	6,287	6,707	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767	6,804	6,879	6,893	6,824	6,753
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881
Franchise	69,838	75,088	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,284
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	882	774	717	737	827	664	597	696	556	577	826	644	1,249
Sales	730,389	775,708	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140	14,074	13
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465
Use	79,253	84,390	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	665	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126
Utility	156,209	160,233	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882
Prices															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7	338.7
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.3	.5	0	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4	.5	.3
Food	309.8	319.7	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0	332.5
Housing	349.9	360.2	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7	368.9
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2	377.5
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7	218.0
Transportation	319.9	307.5	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3	314.6
Medical care	403.1	433.5	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3	458.9
Energy	426.5	370.3	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4	366.9
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	299.2	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.2	302.8	305.1	307.3
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.5	314.9	315.8	317.4	318.6
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.306	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302	.300	.299	.298	.296	.295
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.334	.334	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332	.331	.330	.328	.325
Labor Force and Employment															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,898.8	1,894.5	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0	1,891.6
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	184.7	192.2	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7	150.5
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.7	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2	8.0
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,714.1	1,702.3	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3	1,741.1
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,465.9	1,465.3	1,469.5	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2	1,486.3
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	360.0	362.7	358.2	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8	356.9
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	175.9	175.7	175.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8	172.8
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7	28.7
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	26.3	25.6	25.3	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3	24.3
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.8	23.0	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5	21.6
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.6	27.6	28.3	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8	27.1
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.1	18.3	17.8	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	184.1	187.0	183.0	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0	184.1
Food	29.1	30.1	29.8	30.2	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1	30.4
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.2	37.8	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4	38.3
Apparel	53.6	53.7	54.3	55.4	54.3	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5	53.3
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	20.7	21.3	19.1	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9	20.0
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.4	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,105.9	1,102.6	1,111.3	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4	1,129.4
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	12.5	12.3	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.3
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	75.2	75.4	77.7	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9	76.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.4	71.2	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6	71.7
Trade	305.6	320.4	317.9	319.3	322.6	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9	329.0
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	76.7	76.8	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8	76.7
Retail	229.6	243.5	241.2	242.5	244.9	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2	250.1	252.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	68.5	69.3	69.9	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	258.5	259.3	259.7	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9	267.0
Government	295.9	297.0	301.9	295.8	297.2	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8	302.8
Federal	65.2	64.2	63.8	64.2	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7	67.0
State and local	230.7	232.8	238.1	231.6	232.7	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1	235.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986								1987				
	1985	1986	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,257	15,694	15,760	15,760	16,030	15,870	15,970	16,220	16,160	15,800	15,870	15,960	15,770	15,890	16,160
	8.7	7.9	7.4	7.8	8.5	7.5	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.1	8.9	9.6	8.6	8.1	8.2
Baldwin	37,577	38,264	38,560	38,530	39,250	38,780	38,170	38,230	38,520	38,640	38,370	38,040	39,520	37,990	38,280
	7.7	8.9	8.7	8.7	9.5	8.0	8.3	8.2	8.8	10.0	10.1	9.5	12.6	7.7	7.2
Barbour	11,513	11,903	12,050	11,930	11,860	12,080	12,370	12,200	12,130	11,860	11,890	11,930	11,850	11,830	11,920
	10.5	9.5	10.5	10.0	9.2	9.6	10.6	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.0	10.4	9.4	9.0	7.9
Bibb	6,880	7,273	7,310	7,440	7,370	7,370	7,320	7,400	7,310	7,260	7,280	7,220	7,120	7,090	7,220
	12.4	13.3	13.4	13.0	11.5	11.6	11.4	11.5	14.0	16.0	16.8	14.7	13.4	10.8	10.9
Blount	17,227	16,682	16,790	16,760	16,740	16,760	16,740	16,730	16,830	16,780	16,840	16,680	17,070	16,980	17,040
	6.9	9.0	9.1	9.3	8.6	8.8	8.6	8.3	9.0	9.4	10.6	9.8	11.0	9.1	8.3
Bullock	3,678	3,971	4,120	4,050	4,080	4,030	4,060	4,180	4,080	3,950	3,840	3,770	3,750	3,800	3,870
	16.4	17.3	19.7	16.5	19.4	18.4	15.9	15.5	17.2	18.7	17.6	15.7	14.1	12.7	11.7
Butler	9,076	9,382	9,440	9,560	9,170	9,520	9,420	9,510	9,540	9,500	9,610	9,630	9,650	9,430	9,640
	12.3	11.7	11.6	15.1	11.6	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.4	11.0	11.8	14.0	13.5	9.3	10.2
Calhoun	49,983	51,892	51,940	51,910	52,560	52,370	52,420	52,410	52,260	51,890	51,850	51,600	51,760	51,420	51,770
	8.9	9.6	9.9	10.2	10.2	9.5	10.0	9.6	9.4	9.5	10.5	10.2	11.2	8.7	8.0
Chambers	16,933	17,241	17,340	17,200	17,840	17,540	17,260	17,140	17,110	17,040	17,020	17,000	17,010	17,190	17,360
	8.8	8.6	8.4	9.0	12.0	9.3	9.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.7	6.2
Cherokee	7,963	7,768	7,990	7,870	7,730	7,820	7,850	7,870	7,800	7,590	7,770	7,780	7,860	8,040	8,140
	14.7	13.5	13.3	13.6	12.6	11.0	10.2	10.9	11.5	12.0	12.0	12.0	17.3	9.7	9.0
Chilton	15,129	15,723	15,860	15,810	15,890	15,750	15,800	16,190	15,940	15,560	15,580	15,630	15,560	15,350	15,780
	10.3	10.6	9.7	9.8	9.5	9.3	10.0	11.4	12.7	13.0	13.9	12.2	11.9	10.1	10.0
Choctaw	6,541	7,481	7,490	7,660	7,730	7,550	7,180	7,390	7,350	7,070	6,980	6,860	7,060	6,800	6,860
	14.6	14.9	15.8	17.0	17.7	14.5	13.5	13.1	15.4	14.6	14.6	13.1	18.7	10.5	9.3
Clarke	11,044	11,363	11,320	11,410	11,430	11,480	11,360	11,590	11,570	11,570	11,590	11,520	11,480	11,290	11,390
	9.9	11.4	11.0	11.0	10.4	9.7	9.9	10.3	10.5	12.0	11.9	11.8	17.8	10.1	9.7
Clay	6,397	6,358	6,470	6,380	6,270	6,380	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,110	6,220	6,130	6,260	6,120	6,150
	11.1	15.0	25.7	12.0	11.5	11.8	12.9	12.3	9.7	8.5	11.2	10.9	20.8	9.4	9.3
Cleburne	5,766	5,719	5,780	5,700	5,750	5,890	5,930	5,800	5,640	5,680	5,630	5,490	5,310	5,320	5,400
	9.1	8.8	7.3	7.1	7.6	9.2	15.2	8.3	6.7	7.1	7.8	8.1	12.4	7.9	7.5
Coffee	17,034	17,625	17,850	17,590	17,510	18,070	18,040	18,250	17,910	17,260	17,000	16,950	17,070	17,310	17,610
	7.2	8.8	8.2	8.4	8.2	7.6	9.2	10.2	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.0	7.6	7.1	6.6
Colbert	24,545	24,628	24,960	24,660	25,020	25,020	24,860	24,730	24,540	24,500	24,360	24,340	23,940	23,800	24,200
	13.1	13.9	13.0	14.2	15.0	14.2	14.3	13.0	13.3	14.3	15.1	14.6	12.7	10.8	10.8
Conecuh	6,309	6,458	6,650	6,570	6,170	6,300	6,290	6,400	6,440	6,380	6,360	6,390	6,610	6,140	6,200
	10.8	16.0	15.2	15.7	12.7	15.3	15.4	17.3	17.9	19.5	20.9	23.1	25.4	17.3	17.2
Coosa	4,620	4,760	4,750	4,660	4,650	4,720	4,790	4,830	4,830	4,680	4,860	4,810	4,750	4,780	4,850
	7.5	8.0	9.4	10.3	8.7	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.3	7.3	6.7	7.0	5.4	5.8
Covington	17,128	17,224	17,420	17,170	17,260	17,240	17,490	17,620	17,710	17,310	17,340	17,270	17,250	17,460	17,710
	9.7	10.7	11.1	10.4	10.4	10.1	10.5	10.0	11.5	10.3	10.5	10.2	9.4	8.0	7.3
Crenshaw	6,104	6,187	6,330	6,140	6,120	6,280	6,430	6,480	6,370	6,180	6,080	6,210	6,260	6,180	6,380
	9.1	9.0	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.2	7.5	7.7	8.7	9.5	9.7	14.8	18.0	9.0	9.3
Cullman	30,433	31,390	31,720	31,660	31,680	31,730	32,030	32,490	31,900	31,160	30,830	30,890	30,900	31,320	31,730
	9.6	9.4	8.7	9.4	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.2	9.5	8.5	7.8
Dale	19,531	16,753	16,910	16,960	17,120	17,000	17,070	17,290	17,010	16,730	16,560	16,810	16,730	16,800	16,990
	7.4	10.1	10.4	11.2	11.0	10.1	10.1	9.5	8.9	8.7	9.2	10.1	9.2	8.1	7.5
Dallas	22,316	23,022	23,740	23,640	23,620	23,390	22,840	22,830	22,500	22,220	22,060	21,750	21,590	22,120	22,240
	15.0	15.9	15.5	17.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	15.6	16.4	16.8	16.0	14.7	13.9	16.6	16.3
DeKalb	27,461	28,748	29,180	29,170	29,540	29,810	29,510	29,400	29,060	28,390	28,360	28,450	28,230	28,550	29,110
	10.4	10.0	9.5	10.1	10.3	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.6	9.5	10.9	11.3	11.0	8.6	7.9
Elmore	20,784	21,013	21,340	21,160	21,320	21,290	21,180	21,310	21,420	21,090	21,070	20,900	20,800	20,990	21,360
	7.3	6.9	7.5	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.5	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.3	5.9	6.0
Escambia	16,738	17,061	17,330	17,100	17,210	17,330	17,110	17,040	16,930	16,750	16,770	16,590	16,900	16,290	16,300
	9.9	11.5	11.9	11.9	11.2	10.0	10.1	10.4	11.1	12.7	13.8	13.7	17.2	11.2	10.4
Etowah	42,225	43,954	44,960	44,050	44,800	44,390	43,840	43,700	43,750	43,350	43,270	42,930	42,880	42,530	42,760
	10.3	13.0	14.9	13.1	13.4	11.8	11.5	11.0	11.5	11.8	12.8	13.1	13.0	10.2	9.8
Fayette	8,229	8,028	8,110	7,840	7,850	8,030	8,070	8,060	8,030	7,910	7,840	7,840	7,720	7,750	7,830
	14.3	13.8	13.7	13.4	13.8	13.4	13.8	13.2	12.5	13.0	12.1	12.9	12.6	11.6	11.4
Franklin	15,046	15,310	15,200	15,310	15,930	15,740	15,120	15,210	15,180	14,880	15,340	15,190	15,020	15,100	15,250
	13.7	13.6	12.0	13.1	16.0	13.5	12.5	12.1	12.0	12.1	14.6	13.9	13.2	10.7	10.1
Geneva	10,714	11,047	11,310	11,290	11,400	11,340	11,400	11,590	11,040	10,650	10,460	10,370	10,510	10,650	10,880
	9.5	8.5	8.9	8.6	9.6	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.3	7.5	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.2	6.1
Greene	3,841	3,733	3,720	3,640	3,710	3,760	3,830	3,890	3,820	3,760	3,760	3,760	3,900	3,720	3,760
	17.6	15.9	14.5	15.9	15.8	15.4	15.1	15.4	15.6	17.1	17.3	17.0	19.7	13.9	13.3
Hale	5,891	5,986	6,100	5,990	6,010	6,170	6,230	6,290	6,230	6,060	6,070	6,050	6,140	6,190	6,280
	11.3	10.7	11.3	11.3	9.9	11.6	9.8	9.4	11.1	11.2	11.4	9.8	10.1	8.4	7.7
Henry	6,748	6,631	6,820	6,630	6,560	6,620	6,840	6,830	6,650	6,410	6,370	6,350	6,410	6,710	6,900
	10.6	9.7	9.1	9.7	10.0	8.7	9.1	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.2
Houston	33,718	39,734	39,960	39,760	40,540	40,160	40,320	40,890	40,530	40,050	39,400	39,520	39,560	39,960	40,410
	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.4	9.1	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.0
Jackson	20,483	20,968	21,030	21,240	20,980	21,000	21,050	21,150	21,370	20,710	20,730	20,720	20,600	20,660	20,890
	12.3	14.7	13.0	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.1	12.1	16.4	12.0	13.1	12.6	10.9	9.3	9.2
Jefferson	312,343	335,634	336,180	336,040	340,350	342,060	341,530	340,740	339,950	337,320	335,860	336,480	335,270	338,280	340,460
	6.9	7.7	7.3	7.7	8.3	8.8	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.5	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.3
Lamar	8,808	8,856	8,900	8,880	9,140	8,930	9,000	8,790	8,900	8,810	8,920	8,950	8,900	8,830	8,970
	8.0	8.9	8.5	8.6	11.4	9.5	10.5	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.3	8.2	6.7	6.6
Lauderdale	36,158	37,027	37,810	37,520	37,260	37,270	37,100	37,330	36,820	36,290	36,080	36,120	36,030	35,760	36,270
	10.9	11.6	11.3	12.9	11.9	11.0	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.6	11.5	11.1	10.3	8.4	8.1

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986								1987				
	1985	1986	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lawrence	12,636 12.7	12,632 14.6	12,670 13.4	12,580 13.8	12,650 14.1	13,040 15.5	12,720 12.9	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9	12,170 16.1	12,100 13.6	12,380 13.5
Lee	37,752 7.0	38,124 7.7	39,020 7.2	38,200 8.1	38,440 9.5	37,760 7.5	37,790 7.9	38,070 7.2	38,260 6.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9	36,830 6.6	37,000 6.1	37,540 6.2
Limestone	27,043 7.1	29,806 8.9	30,220 8.7	29,940 9.1	29,910 9.3	29,900 11.1	30,460 7.5	30,570 8.0	30,330 7.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2	29,200 8.1	29,370 7.0	29,870 7.0
Lowndes	4,636 14.1	4,525 15.8	4,560 15.1	4,400 19.0	4,420 18.0	4,590 18.7	4,670 16.5	4,720 16.4	4,750 16.6	4,580 16.0	4,350 17.9	4,390 17.5	4,430 16.7	4,560 16.6	4,800 23.6
Macon	10,453 8.5	10,693 9.0	10,850 9.5	10,820 10.0	10,910 9.8	10,850 9.1	10,760 8.1	10,910 9.2	10,710 8.4	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8	10,430 6.6	10,480 5.7	10,700 6.6
Madison	117,762 5.9	126,253 7.2	126,420 6.7	128,530 7.8	128,590 7.5	128,380 7.9	128,380 7.6	128,630 7.5	128,660 7.3	127,930 7.2	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9	126,360 6.6	126,870 5.7	128,380 5.3
Marengo	9,934 10.6	10,045 11.1	10,430 10.1	9,940 10.8	10,110 13.5	10,070 10.3	10,070 9.5	10,140 9.6	10,020 10.2	9,970 10.7	9,800 10.4	9,730 9.5	10,080 16.1	9,800 8.7	9,940 8.4
Marion	15,278 13.8	16,083 14.3	16,250 12.3	16,230 12.8	16,550 16.4	16,220 14.5	16,110 14.9	16,150 14.1	15,960 15.2	15,610 15.3	15,620 16.9	15,380 15.7	15,400 17.1	15,230 10.9	15,400 10.1
Marshall	35,615 8.7	37,011 11.8	37,080 11.1	37,360 12.1	38,250 14.0	37,450 10.9	37,380 10.5	37,000 10.3	37,020 11.1	36,420 10.4	36,300 10.7	36,380 10.8	36,270 10.2	36,320 8.5	37,080 8.1
Mobile	166,738 9.4	172,880 11.1	174,860 11.3	175,670 11.7	176,630 11.3	176,980 11.2	173,910 11.2	173,620 10.8	173,350 10.6	171,770 10.7	171,770 11.5	171,420 11.5	169,800 10.3	171,920 10.0	173,400 9.6
Monroe	9,085 13.5	9,649 13.3	9,580 12.0	9,380 11.3	9,520 10.5	9,760 9.8	9,720 9.2	9,750 10.2	9,810 12.6	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5	10,070 28.1	9,520 10.8	9,640 11.7
Montgomery	91,901 7.2	97,695 7.6	99,120 8.1	98,730 8.1	99,450 8.0	99,110 7.5	99,020 7.5	99,750 7.8	99,480 7.9	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4	96,980 7.3	97,570 6.6	99,450 6.9
Morgan	43,368 8.1	45,825 10.0	46,200 9.1	46,640 10.0	46,770 10.5	47,190 11.5	46,010 9.7	46,260 9.9	45,920 9.6	45,670 9.7	45,390 10.1	45,360 10.1	45,840 11.1	45,700 8.9	46,640 9.9
Perry	5,336 13.2	5,444 12.9	5,620 12.4	5,490 12.4	5,540 12.5	5,540 12.9	5,520 10.9	5,630 10.4	5,620 15.4	5,500 20.3	5,480 19.0	5,430 12.5	5,450 12.7	5,460 9.7	5,710 10.4
Pickens	6,965 15.2	7,558 14.7	7,880 14.2	7,560 14.3	7,690 14.7	7,900 15.5	7,870 13.6	8,050 15.0	7,750 15.1	7,520 15.5	7,470 15.6	7,390 15.0	7,280 15.1	7,240 11.6	7,450 11.6
Pike	11,773 8.0	12,612 8.6	12,830 8.4	12,640 8.8	12,490 9.5	12,650 9.5	12,980 7.5	13,190 8.4	13,030 8.4	12,210 9.1	12,630 8.3	12,650 8.6	12,650 8.3	12,640 7.0	12,880 7.0
Randolph	8,865 9.6	9,424 9.2	9,620 11.6	9,420 10.2	9,330 9.7	9,750 12.4	9,450 10.4	9,520 9.4	9,600 8.3	9,430 7.5	9,440 7.2	9,410 7.3	9,470 7.8	9,390 6.1	9,420 6.1
Russell	20,634 10.5	22,641 9.6	22,580 9.0	22,680 9.1	22,780 9.4	22,960 9.1	22,790 8.8	22,900 9.9	22,810 9.4	22,700 9.2	22,680 9.7	22,430 8.9	22,440 8.3	22,520 8.1	22,590 7.5
St. Clair	20,691 8.1	20,610 8.4	20,710 8.2	20,890 9.4	21,200 10.2	20,700 8.1	20,710 8.1	20,700 7.8	20,620 7.6	20,610 8.1	20,440 8.2	20,380 8.1	20,590 8.2	20,630 6.8	20,870 6.8
Shelby	34,261 7.0	37,153 6.8	37,260 6.5	37,310 7.0	37,510 6.9	37,310 6.5	37,320 6.5	38,170 8.3	37,440 6.6	37,340 7.0	37,010 7.2	37,010 7.2	37,080 6.5	37,250 5.4	37,810 5.6
Sumter	6,147 13.7	6,243 21.0	6,450 22.0	6,440 26.3	6,460 25.1	6,410 22.5	6,230 18.3	6,260 17.9	6,160 17.8	5,800 17.2	5,830 16.3	5,810 15.5	5,810 16.1	5,710 13.1	5,740 11.6
Talladega	31,537 13.1	32,143 12.4	32,310 12.0	32,310 12.7	32,810 13.6	32,950 13.0	32,660 13.1	32,590 12.4	32,350 12.0	32,170 11.9	32,110 12.5	32,160 12.2	32,290 12.4	32,040 10.4	32,330 9.7
Tallapoosa	18,258 8.2	19,101 8.0	19,210 7.9	19,400 8.8	19,640 9.3	19,720 8.2	19,430 7.7	19,360 7.5	19,350 6.9	19,110 6.5	19,060 7.5	19,010 7.1	19,130 7.8	19,190 6.8	19,520 7.6
Tuscaloosa	64,346 6.8	68,450 7.7	68,760 8.2	67,120 8.6	67,710 8.2	69,420 8.1	70,000 7.6	70,000 7.1	69,930 7.3	69,250 7.5	69,180 7.6	69,180 7.5	69,190 7.4	69,800 6.3	70,010 6.6
Walker	33,097 9.9	30,633 15.2	31,320 16.6	31,570 17.6	31,700 17.4	30,110 13.1	29,750 12.0	29,350 10.6	29,730 11.9	29,760 12.5	30,000 14.1	29,860 13.7	30,020 13.4	30,050 12.0	30,220 11.5
Washington	5,855 14.9	5,594 19.4	5,660 19.3	5,770 21.5	5,770 22.0	5,530 18.1	5,570 17.8	5,580 16.9	5,570 17.6	5,530 20.3	5,490 20.6	5,430 19.5	5,650 23.2	5,160 15.2	5,200 14.2
Wilcox	4,391 16.4	4,402 16.8	4,450 17.5	4,540 19.4	4,480 18.8	4,490 17.1	4,430 15.7	4,500 15.3	4,470 15.9	4,330 14.7	4,300 14.8	4,280 14.4	4,270 13.5	4,340 13.8	4,440 14.3
Winston	10,488 17.1	10,288 21.1	10,380 19.7	10,260 19.4	10,320 19.2	10,350 19.2	10,220 17.0	10,130 16.4	10,230 20.0	9,990 20.0	10,080 22.9	9,910 22.8	9,830 20.5	9,710 14.9	9,810 13.2
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	774,985	707,055	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325	57,440	54,801	54,801	54,801	54,801
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	13,402	14,193	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,040	893	427	427	427	427
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	602,564	765,872	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380	110,165	87,135	87,135	87,135	87,135
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	22,799	22,134	1,452	1,632	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134	1,836	1,936	1,936	1,936	1,936
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,242	38,701	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, nonindustrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,020	26,789	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438	2,073	2,024	1,900	1,900
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,881,466	2,012,114	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	150,881	171,345	171,345	171,345
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	153,540	159,481	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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